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Column One
By David Courtney

SIXTY-five thousand and nine hundred million dollars is an impressive sum of money. If every one of those dollars was laid end to end the total amount would go round and round the delighted world like irrigation pipes round and round a field once arid. In fact, if Congress approves, 4,300 million of the 65,900 million dollars will be laid end to end round that part of the world that has been well behaved or promises to be. The sum for foreign aid is more than ever before and one may suppose that the Administration's interest in keeping or bringing about economic and social stability in impoverished or restless foreign lands is more than ever before. Indeed, a report of the American delegation to the United Nations, which has been endorsed by the President and his Secretary of State, claims that economic and social problems have moved up to the forefront in the cold war.

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THE report is almost certainly correct. There has been a shift in Soviet policy from armaments and secret conspiracy to food, bridges, hydro-electric works and factories: that is to say, from subversive political effort to economic aid, or at any rate economic collaboration as a basis, no doubt, for later political collaboration. Pierre Mendes-France, who is one of the most quick-witted politicians of the day, recently commented on this Soviet shift of tactics and declared that the West must follow suit and, so to speak, provide the under-privileged with tractors instead of tanks and the under-nourished with butter instead of guns. The Labour Opposition in the House of Commons has been urging the same line, and Mr. Robens, for example, would like, therefore, to see the Baghdad Pact turned into a kind of Colombo Plan.

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BUT it is one thing for Pierre Mendes-France, whose country for some time must be more the recipient than the donor, or Mr. Robens, who is free from the responsibilities of office, to talk about a huge expansion in foreign aid, and very much another thing for the United States Government, which has the money and the will, to talk about it. For that matter, it is probably one thing for Soviet Russia to plan a foreign aid programme and another for the United States and if the two programmes should become competitive, America seems in a position to shape the outcome more or less the way it wishes. A budget of 65,900 million dollars represents an awful lot of roubles, especially when the U.S.President can add to his accounting the promise of balanced income and expenditure thanks to "unprecedented national prosperity."

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IT is not suggested that the Soviets are hopelessly behind. They have made astonishing industrial and economic strides and their system permits the draining off, for any purpose they may choose, any amount of the national income needed for that purpose. Besides, the five-year plan to "overtake and surpass" the capitalist West in industrial, atomic and agricultural development, although unlikely to do anything of the kind, will be taken seriously by western governments. It is a little difficult to see how a country already subject to intense planning and severe productivity discipline, can add another sixty-five per cent to its present industrial output in a matter of five years. The fact remains that Soviet Russia has surprised us over and over again by her capacity to expand industrial plant and find the necessary skills to run them productively; and may surprise us again.

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I SUPPOSE there is no earthly reason why the United States and Soviet Russia should not, year by year, add enormously to their industrial output; or why, indeed, they should not have the competitive political incentive to produce and spread their wares over a grateful world. For although Russia may hope to mount industrial collaboration with political influence, it may find that where, in under-developed countries, it competes economically and more or less evenly with the West, rising standards of living in those aided countries are likely to reduce the taste for Communism instead of increasing it. But just at the moment President Eisenhower's Budget is more impressive than Mr. Khrushchev's five-year plan; and his aid programme more impressive than the fine words uttered by Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev during their Far Eastern tour.

Jerusalem, January 18.

Jordan Admits Aid Offer from Arabs

The Jordan Government for the first time yesterday acknowledged that it had received an offer of financial aid from Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria, and called for a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the four States to discuss it.

Foreign Minister Hussein el Khalidi told a news conference in Amman that the meeting would serve to prepare the ground for a later conference of Premiers to work out means for the possible easing of Jordan's present difficult economic position. He made the proposal in notes which he handed to the Egyptian Ambassador and the Saudi Arabian and Syrian Charges d'Affaires.

He said that the notes were in answer to memoranda from the three States, submitted earlier this month, but which the Jordan Government could not then consider owing to the tense situation following riots against the Baghdad pact. Arab reports last week had announced a financial offer to Jordan to match the subsidy now granted by Britain, in an open move to lure Jordan from dependence on the British. The latter now provide Jordan with an annual subsidy of £12.55m., including £9.2m. for the Arab Legion.

Details Awaited

Khalidi stated that the first memorandum came from Syria on January 11. Curfew was still in force then and the Government of Samir Rifa'i had been formed just two days before. Egypt and Saudi Arabia sent memoranda the following day. But these notes, he pointed out, failed to mention the type or the amounts of the offered financial aid, and they were discussed by the Government only after order was restored in Jordan. He added that he was now awaiting replies from the three Arab States. *(NEABS, UP)*

Egyptian Crowds Hail New Constitution

CAIRO, Tuesday (UP).—Peaceful demonstrations broke out in various parts of the city today as huge crowds acclaimed Egypt's new constitution. The demonstrators were mostly workers.

Composed of 2. trucks, one group toured the main streets in the centre of the city carrying banners proclaiming "Nasser for President."

The trucks rolled on to the headquarters of Premier Nasser at Abbassia Barracks where 50,000 persons cheered the new constitution. But Nasser wasn't there.

Today was an official holiday because of the new constitution. Labour unions composed the backbone of the Army-led and well-organized rally.

The crowd cheered the Land Reform Law, limiting agrarian ownership, which the constitution made a permanent system to prevent a possible return to feudalism.

Dulles Urges Congress To Vote Long-Term Aid

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles made a new appeal to Congress today to give President Eisenhower authority for a long-term economic aid programme, especially in Asia. He told his press conference that the concept of long-term aid was necessary to oppose the Soviet Union's efforts in this field.

Asked how vigorously the Administration intended to push its programme through Congress in the face of warnings by political leaders that they plan to oppose it, Mr. Dulles replied that he regards it as "vitally important" that it should be approved at this time. He rejected the idea that long-range economic aid would only be extended to countries siding with the U.S. in the cold war. He said that in each case the needs of the country will be considered on its own individual merits, and that this did not exclude the so-called neutral countries.

The Secretary of State, confronted by a barrage of questions on "brink of war" statements attributed to him in an article in "Life" magazine, did not withdraw them, but expressed his regret that the article had given him more credit than was due him for the success of U.S. policy of deterring Communist aggression in crises over Korea, Formosa and Indo-China, by threatening military retaliation by the U.S.

(Reuter, UP)

Syrian Conscription Increased to 2 Years

The Syrian Parliament has approved a bill to increase national military service from one and a half to two years, according to Damascus Radio yesterday.

Poujade Invited to Start Movement in Italy

ROME, Tuesday (Reuter). — A former Member of Parliament for the Neo-Fascist movement, Mr. Luigi Palmieri, today said that he had invited M. Pierre Poujade to hold a press conference in Rome to help launch an anti-tax movement similar to that in France.

"We have reason to believe that he will accept," Mr. Palmieri said. He added that a new group of businessmen, artisans and members of the free professions would take part in the municipal and provincial elections in spring.

PERSIAN ELECTIONS

TEHERAN, Tuesday (UP). — The Government today issued a proclamation for nation-wide elections to the Majlis (Lower House). A total of 135 deputies to the Majlis must be elected during the next three months.

West Amends Resolution In U.N. Against Israel

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (UP).—When the Security Council reconvened today to resume debate on Syria's complaint against the Israel attack near Lake Kinneret, the U.S., Britain and France circulated a revised draft of their resolution condemning Israel.

The only change from the measure submitted last week was a paragraph making it clear that the Council believed that Syrian interference with Israel fishermen "in no way justified the Israel action." There is now no other condemnation of earlier Syrian action in the resolution.

It was submitted on behalf of the Western Big Three by Sir Pierson Dixon, of Britain.

Ahmed Shukeiry, of Syria, and the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban spoke and the Council adjourned until tomorrow (10 p.m. Israel time).

The new paragraph reads: "Holds that this interference in no way justified the Israel action."

Sir Pierson rejected Soviet and Iranian arguments that the Western resolution implied putting the Syrian and Israel actions "on an equal footing."

"I can assure them," he said, "that I do not desire to equate the Syrian interference with the Israel attack. In view of the gravity of the Israel attack, I agree it would be unfair and unjust."

Syria's Demand

Syria's delegate, Ahmed Shukeiry, called on the Security Council to recommend to member states that they stop all economic aid to Israel. He said, "if Israel is to commit an offence, she should commit it on her own, with no aid in her hand."

He added that the Council should consider a time limit of not less than one year, "renewable upon further aggression."

Addressing himself directly to the U.S., Shukeiry said, "We are entitled to request the U.S. not to extend economic aid to Israel. Israel has been condemned by the U.S. It is only just that the U.S. should not continue aiding Israel as long as Israel is engaged in attacking our armies, killing our civilians and destroying our property. You cannot condemn Israel and continue aiding her." He added, "Such a situation is unfriendly and intolerable."

Shukeiry said that the U.S. should not hesitate to agree to the Syrian suggestion "as a measure to maintain peace and security in the area." He reiterated his belief that Israel should be expelled from the Council. "This is the fourth time Israel stands in the dock convicted of violating her obligations. What are we waiting for? Shall we sit with arms folded, uttering verbal condemnation for ever and ever?"

Provision for expulsion of a member had been embodied in the U.N. Charter after careful reflection, he pointed out.

Shukeiry said that the expulsion of Israel "is not only in keeping with the Charter but is being applied for in one way or another by the international community. I admit there is no precedent, but the reason is simple. No member has been found guilty of massacre, aggressions and plunder four times within two years."

"At the Bandung Conference, representing more than half the peoples of the globe, Israel's participation was rejected. Many leading statesmen in the world have stigmatized Israel with aggression. Most recently was the statement of a great international figure, Mr. Khrushchev, the Soviet Communist Party chief, who declared that from the first days of its existence the State of Israel has been taking a hostile and threatening attitude against her neighbours.

Eban Speech

Mr. Eban insisted that a discussion confined to the Lake Kinneret attack made it difficult to understand Israel's position.

"While much has been said here about Israel's responsibilities to the United Nations, it is a sombre fact that since 1948, any Arab state which has ever tried to kill Israelis, to plunder Israel property, to blockade Israel's ports, has never regarded itself as confronting any serious international deterrent.

"The United Nations has not been able to offer Israel the minimal daily security enjoyed by every one of its other 75 members in nearly every sector of their national lives.

"Embattled, blockaded, besieged, Israel alone among the nations faces the battle for her security anew with every rising dawn and every approaching nightfall. Nowhere in Israel can a man live and work beyond the close range of enemy fire."

It is particularly acute in the border regions, he said, and Israel "cannot betray the valour of her frontier population by indifference to the acute perils which they confront. The Arab governments by deliberate policy, ensure that this suspense shall never be relaxed."

Choice on Kinneret

Mr. Eban said that when fire breaks out, Israel must choose between abandoning peaceful life in the threatened area or "clearing a path for peaceful enterprise and winning a breathing space from murderous attack. This was the choice on Lake Kinneret: to give up the lake as a domain of sovereign Israel enterprise, or to resist the aggressive threat which Syria openly and frankly maintains. These are not easy choices."

Mr. Eban said that Israel knows she is "most popular when she does not hit back, and world opinion is profoundly important to us. Thus, on these occasions we bury our dead, tend our wounded, clench our teeth in suppressed resentment and hope that our very moderation will deter a repetition of the offence. But sometimes the right and duty of self-preservation, the need to avoid expanding encroachments, the sentiment that if rightful claims are not defended they will be forever lost, prevail in the final and reluctant decision."

Mr. Eban charged that the Arab world made it the main objective of its policy "to ensure that the people of Israel shall not have a month or a week of peace without some outrageous assault on their life and territory."

This "dilemma" faces Israel in the Suez Canal, the border areas, at Bnot Ya'acov, the Gulf of Akaba, and on the Lake, he said.

He objected to comments on the "disproportion" between the scale of the Israel response and the incidents preceding it, and said that "this is not a true and valid comparison. The dimensions of Israel's occasional reactions are more than matched by the Arabs' hostility and aggression."

All the Arab states had pursued a policy of "sustained aggression" against Israel for seven years, Mr. Eban continued. He made a caustic reference to Egyptian Premier Abdul Nasser as a "dictator" and "despot."

"The Security Council will have read only yesterday that the Egyptian dictator summoned the Arab world, frankly and explicitly, to Israel's destruction." Mr. Eban said. "What is this despot talking about? Does he think these words are not read in Israel?"

Mr. Eban said that Britain and Peru had called attention to the problem of belligerency and said, "This is the key to the understanding of the Middle Eastern problem... belligerency in every form: by land, and sea and on inland waters is the doctrine and practice of Arab governments in their relations with Israel."

Council Provoked

He charged that the Arab states provoke the Security Council on their own behalf, "and hold up its basic resolution to ridicule." He referred to the anti-belligerency statement of the Council in 1951.

Syria, he stated, had "four times refused to lay down arms in response to Security Council resolutions" and we declared that "a practice has grown up of accenting Arab belligerency with indulgence and of insisting only that Israel should never hit back."

Mr. Eban said that Israel casualties from Arab raids totalled 884 since 1951, and that enormous losses were suffered by the "illegitimate Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal" and acts of theft, robbery, sabotage and destruction on the borders.

Israel was in a "unique position," he went on, because "there exists no government in the world which would passively accept the murder of its citizens, the terrorization of its countryside, the destruction of its property, the blockade of its ports, the penetration of its territory and the paralysis of its peaceful enterprise by the threat or use of force. No government in the United Nations or outside it is subjected to murderous hostility in any way resembling the aggression which Arab states maintain against Israel."

Eliminating Force

Mr. Eban criticized some of the comments about Israel and the appeals to Israel to eliminate military force from her security planning when "it is not clear that they have been able to eliminate it from their own concept of international security elsewhere in the world."

"Those who have seen fit to compare a small people fighting for its survival in arduous conditions with the monstrous tyranny which oppressed the weak and defenceless during the Nazi decade will, on cooler reflection, not fail to wish that those things had been unsaid."

He urged closer understanding of Israel's "legitimate grievance," and said that Israel policy was to "refrain from any act of force so long as her territory and population are not assaulted by force." Disputes on the justification of Israel's retaliatory actions can be ended by halting "provocations, by abandoning belligerency, by honouring the (armistice) agreements," he said.

Mr. Eban charged that Israel

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War this Summer If Israel Unarmed—Eban

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — "By this summer there is a prospect of Egypt being so preponderantly armed and overconfident, and Israel so desperate and tense, that an explosion is almost inevitable, unless swift action to repair the balance is taken." the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, warned Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen, and 500 Jewish leaders tonight.

Mr. Eban flew here from New York after addressing the Security Council in the morning, and made the statement at the second conference of Jewish leaders on Israel in 11 months.

Mr. Allen spoke extemporaneously for two minutes, bringing greetings from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Mr. Eban made three points: firstly, arms, particularly aircraft, are essential for Israel "to maintain her basic military deterrent;" secondly, the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 must be strengthened by "proclaiming in solemn, public, compelling, contractual, terms determination to help resist any change in the existing frontier by force; thirdly, both the above steps would lead to stabilization which is the next best objective to peace.

Peace with Mutilation

"To say that peace is only possible on the basis of Israel's mutilation is to say that peace is not possible at all. Only impotent statesmanship would hold that there is no alternative between peace and war, between the most perfect solution and loss of the Middle East, subversion and chaos."

Mr. Eban's thesis is supported by Mr. Dulles — if only the Secretary of State would make the connection — as Mr. Dulles at his press conference this morning defended the recent "Life" article which quoted him as saying that only the readiness to make war prevented war.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann further pointed out tonight that President Eisenhower's State of the Union message of January 5 said that America's military power was the chief deterrent to Communist aggression. "Why is this elementary truth right for America, right for all free nations, and why is it wrong and improper for Israel?" he asked, turning to Mr. Allen.

The conference ends tomorrow with a dinner to be attended by Senators and Congressmen.

'Israel Should Prepare Herself for War'

Israel can meet the terrible danger that faces her only by becoming united and preparing for war, Dr. Leo Kohn, Professor of International Law at the Hebrew University and Legal Adviser to the Foreign Ministry, said in a lecture over Kol Yisrael last night.

"The danger is that after amassing a great deal of arms which the Egyptians are buying everywhere, there will be a spate of premeditated aggressive activity on our borders. Parallel to it, there will be a storm of planned propaganda, aided and abetted by our enemies both far and near, which will demand sacrifices from Israel in order to avoid war — pretending to clamour for peace for their sake and for that of the world," he said.

"In the end, the concentrated pressure of the great Powers and world public opinion will be brought to bear against us, to force us to make grave concessions. Thus, Abdul Nasser will attain his end by undermining Israel and preparing the ground for her destruction," Prof. Kohn concluded.

Lively Discussion Of Lavon Proposals

The Mapai Political Committee and Knesset faction met in Jerusalem last night to discuss the proposals presented by Mr. Pinhas Lavon, Chairman of the Party's Emergency Committee.

It is understood that there was a lively discussion centred largely round the proposed setting up of a public committee to advise the Minister of Defence on various matters concerned with the emergency — a proposal that met with serious criticism as well as support, making its final adoption problematical. Many more members were listed to take part in the discussion, which will be continued later this week.

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West Said Preparing Middle East Plans

LONDON, Tuesday. — A joint Anglo-American move to promote an Arab-Israel compromise settlement this year was reported by informed sources today to be under "active preparation." The Western initiative will be coupled with a strengthening of the 1950 tripartite declaration and a warning that the West will turn against "any aggressor" who disturbs the peace in this region.

The scope and details of these moves in the West's latest strategy for peace in the Middle East are now being worked out, it was stated. Action is expected immediately after the Eden-Eisenhower conference in Washington which opens on January 30. The West is prepared to offer security and guarantees to both sides once agreement has been reached.

Meanwhile, it was understood that the Cabinet today gave its approval to a draft of the White Paper on surplus arms exports which Sir Anthony Eden promised the Opposition would be issued following the complaints of arms leakages to the Middle East. It will cover several years of such transactions, including many sanctioned by the Labour Government.

The Cabinet today also heard from the Prime Minister the outline of an important speech he will make tomorrow night at a public meeting in Bradford, Yorkshire. He will break his silence for the first time since the series of attacks on his administration for alleged indecision.

(UP, INA, Reuter)

FORD SHARES OFFERED TO PUBLIC TODAY

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The 10,200,000 shares of Ford Motor Company stock offered to the public tomorrow, will be sold for $64.51 a share, it was officially announced today.

The sale, the biggest corporate equity financing in history, will admit the public into ownership with the heirs of the company, founded by the late Henry Ford.

ALEXANDER NASCHITZ, 90 DEAD IN TEL AVIV

Mr. Alexander Naschitz, the grandfather of Iceland's Honorary Consul in Israel, died last night in Tel Aviv, aged 90. Mr. Fritz Naschitz, the Honorary Consul, has asked that no condolence visits be made.

Canada Sells Fifteen Planes to Egypt

OTTAWA, Tuesday. — Canada has sold 15 World War II Harvard training planes to Egypt, of which three have been shipped aboard the Egyptian freighter Star of Aswan, together with other military supplies for Greece, Turkey and Portugal, all NATO nations. This was revealed in the Commons today by External Affairs Minister Lester B. Pearson.

Earlier, Mr. Pearson had confirmed that some Canadian-built planes are being shipped to various European countries. Last week there was an unofficial denial that as many as 25 planes had been shipped to Cairo.

Mr. Pearson's statement followed several reports that the ship was carrying a secret cargo of guns and army-type lorries, destined for Egypt. Defence Minister Ralph Campney said yesterday that he had no knowledge of any military equipment shipped from Canada to Egypt during the week-end.

The Government agreed early last summer to issue a permit for export to Egypt of 15 reconditioned Harvards of World War II vintage.

This transaction took place before the recent crisis between Egypt and Israel, and before Egypt began accepting arms from Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Pearson said that the planes were non-combat aircraft.

The Star of Aswan sailed from Halifax yesterday for the Mediterranean. The merchantman carried no army-type trucks for Egypt, he stated.

Although the Harvard is a training plane, it can readily be armed and provided with bomb racks. Similar planes were used in the Korean war.

(UP, Reuter, INA)

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The first meeting of the renewed Russo-Japanese talks for a peace treaty ended in London last night after an hour and 25 minutes. A communique later said that the conference will resume next Tuesday.

Gov't Will Import To Break Up Cartels

The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Sapir, told the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday that in order to break up a cartel or to fight an unjustified rise in prices his Ministry would import competitive products from abroad. Recently, he said, the threat to fly in toilet soap from abroad was enough to induce local manufacturers to cancel a 25 per cent rise in prices.

He announced that by the end of 1955, the Government had spent $2.6m. to import food through the Amizan company and had earned IL4.600 per dollar.

About 10,000 refrigerators have been sold for Israel pounds on the free market, with the Government earning IL6.500 per dollar spent on importing the raw materials. Another 10,000 refrigerators will be available under the same terms as before.

The meeting, which discussed competition of imports with local products, was attended by representatives of the Manufacturers Association and Hevrat Ovdim.

CHU TEH IN PRAGUE

PRAGUE, Tuesday (Reuter). — Flag-waving crowds today greeted Marshal Chu Teh, Deputy Chairman of the Chinese Government, as he arrived here on a three-day state visit.

The Marshal is expected to go to a health resort after his visit ends.

Non-Party Debate on Bill to Limit Pre-Trial Criminal Hearings

By ARYAH RUBINSTEIN, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Bill to Change the Rules of Criminal Procedure, the chief purpose of which is to limit considerably the use of the preliminary investigation, was debated in the Knesset yesterday. The Bill was introduced on Monday night by the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, and the debate is to be concluded next Monday. This morning's session will be devoted to motions for the agenda.

Although most speakers complimented the Minister on his comprehensive analysis of the bill, not one of them endorsed it in its entirety and many objected to some of its basic provisions. The debate was not along party lines.

The Bill provides that preliminary investigations will be conducted only where the crime in question is punishable by at least 10 years in prison, and then only at the specific request of the Attorney General, the police or the accused.

This basic provision was attacked by Dr. I. S. Rosenberg (Mizrahi), Mr. H. Rubin (Mapam) and Mr. I. Harari (Progressive). They maintained that in any felony (where the punishment is three years or more in jail) the accused should be entitled to demand a preliminary investigation. Dr. Rosenberg and Mr. Rubin would also not give the prosecution the right to demand the investigation where the accused was willing to forgo it, since its entire purpose was to help the accused.

The authority which the Bill gives to the police to decide whether a case should be prosecuted or not was criticized by Dr. Y. Bader (Herut), Mr. Rubin, Mr. N. Nir (Ahdut Ha'avoda) and Dr. M. Sneh (Communist).

Similarly criticized by some speakers was the section providing that preliminary investigations be held behind closed doors. Messrs. Nir, Bader and Rubin thought that it might sometimes be to the accused's advantage to have an open hearing, and that he should be allowed to demand this.

Mr. E. Azanyah (Mapai) took exception to the provision that when a bill of indictment is submitted in the District Court a Magistrate may order the detention of the accused until he is brought to trial. This is more severe than the existing rule, which provides that the detention must be reviewed at least every 15 days.

Mr. Y. Shoham (Herut) criticized the section which gives the police or the District Attorney the right not to act on a complaint where they feel that "the complaint was submitted only to annoy or to seek monetary gain and it would not be to the public good to conduct a case."

Dr. Sneh asserted that the Bill would strengthen the powers of the police and the Attorney General. For example, he said, under the present law Mr. Greenwald was able to bring suit against Dr. Kastner for perjury. Under the Bill, the Attorney General could block the case. Dr. Sneh and Dr. Rosenberg also thought that the result of the preliminary investigation should be final; the Bill allows the prosecution to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Several references, explicit or implied, were made to Dr. Rosenberg, who last year was cleared by an investigating magistrate of a currency charge. This was used as an illustration of the importance of the preliminary investigation in saving an innocent accused from the ignominy of a trial.

Mr. Rosen took the floor to deny Dr. Sneh's charge that the Bill was presented because of the Attorney General's "failure" in the Rosenberg case. The Attorney General has no personal interest in any case, he said, and is only too happy when an accused is found not to have committed an offence.

30% Higher Expense Allowance for M.K.'s

The Knesset House Committee yesterday decided to raise the expense allowances ("eshel") of Knesset Members by approximately 30 per cent. The Committee's decision does not require approval by the Knesset.

The new allowances (basic plus cost-of-living supplement) for a normal month with sessions 3½ days a week will be approximately as follows: for members from Jerusalem, IL31; from Tel Aviv and vicinity, IL42; from the North and far South, IL73. These sums are in addition to representation allowance, which will apparently remain unchanged.

The committee is also considering a rise in Members' salaries. Such a decision would require the approval of the plenary.

U.N. Sec. Seeing B-G Tuesday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

During Mr. Dag Hammarskjold's 42-hour stay in Israel beginning on Monday he is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Ben-Gurion once for a 90-minute meeting. The U.N. Secretary-General will pay a 15-minute courtesy call on President Ben-Zvi on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Hammarskjold is due to arrive at 5 p.m. on Monday morning at Lydda Airport from Cairo. Foreign Minister Sharett will head the welcoming delegation.

Following his courtesy call at 9 a.m. on Tuesday on the President, the U.N. Secretary-General will be taken on a two hours and 45 minutes sightseeing trip of Jerusalem and the suburbs.

Mr. Hammarskjold will then meet with Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Sharett from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

The U.N. Truce Supervision Organization spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that Mr. Hammarskjold would touch down at Lydda Airport on his way to Cairo on Saturday to pick up Gen. Burns who would then fly with him to the Egyptian capital.

Red Cross Official Hopeful of PoW Swap

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Mr. P. de Traz, of the International Red Cross Office in Geneva, arrived by Cyprus Airways from Nicosia today for a one-week visit in connection with the prisoners of war here. He said he was "hopeful" about the possibility of an exchange of prisoners between this country and Egypt and Syria.

Mr. de Traz was met by Mr. H. Cidor, of the Foreign Ministry. This is his second visit in recent weeks. Last month, he visited Egyptian P.O.W.'s at their camp and then flew to Cairo. This week, he intends to visit the Syrian prisoners.

Egyptians Fire On Israel Patrol

An Israel patrol south of Kibbutz Erez was fired on yesterday morning from within the Gaza Strip, the Army spokesman announced. The patrol held its fire, and continued on its way with no casualties.

Two shepherds from the Gaza Strip entered Israel territory yesterday morning with their flocks and grazed them near Kisufim, in the Western Negev. When fired on by an Israel patrol, the shepherds fled across the border.

On Monday, Jordan infiltrators kidnapped a shepherd of Jaljuliya village, near Kfar Saba, and took his sheep and other animals, the Army spokesman reported yesterday. Members of Moshav Yarhiv, which is near Jaljuliya, later saw the flock in Jordan territory being driven by Arab Legionnaires. *The Jerusalem Post* correspondent in Kfar Saba reports. The animals included 86 sheep, 19 goats, 13 lambs and one donkey.

With deepfelt sorrow we announce the sudden death of my husband, our brother and brother-in-law

Dr. Arthur Felix

on January 14, in London.

The remains will be brought to Tel Aviv, and the funeral will take place in the old cemetery on Rehov Trumpeldor.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday received the Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, and the Deputy Speakers, Mrs. Bebe Idelson and Messrs. H. Ariav, A. Ben-Eliezer, J. Greenberg, Y. Yeshayahu, H. Rubin and N. Nir.

President Ben-Zvi yesterday received Dr. Yigael Yadin; Dr. N. Avigad; Mr. S. Arazi, Chairman of the Independence Day Committee, and Mr. N. Lifshitz, the printer. At her home yesterday, Mrs. Ben-Zvi received a delegation of the Association of Hungarian Immigrants, including its chairman. Problems dealing with the Association's work with immigrants and employment for elderly persons were discussed.

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The Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, yesterday received Israel's Minister to Argentina, Dr. A. Kubovy. Mr. Sprinzak also received Mr. A. Eshel, the Director of the East European Division of the Foreign Ministry, and Mrs. Eshel.

Mr. Stephen McAdden, M.P., yesterday visited the Jordan Valley, Safad, and Tiberias. On Monday, Mr. McAdden toured the Hula region.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. Hugo Hergel, the Danish Minister, and Mrs. Hergel, on the s.s. Messapia; Mr. M. Kalpakchief, the Bulgarian Commercial Attache, from home leave; Mr. Encho Dimov, the Bulgarian Legation's new Secretary, and his family; Mr. Zivko Zatarakovski and Mr. Alexander Nedelkovsky, from Yugoslavia on the invitation of the Histadrut to study poultry breeding; Mr. C Chapler of the New York U.J.A. for a two-week visit.

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DEPARTURES: Prof. A. Tartakower, Israel Chairman of the World Jewish Congress, and Mr. Mordechai Bentov, the Minister of Development, for London to take part in a conference opening on January 21; Dr. E. Nebenzahl, the Swedish Consul General, for a short stay in Europe; Mr. Robert Zion, General Manager of the American Israeli Paper Mills Ltd., Hadera, for a short business trip to Finland and the U.S.

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The 25th anniversary of the WIZO day-creche in the Strauss Centre in Tel Aviv was celebrated yesterday. Mrs. Mania Bialik, widow of the poet, was among those present.

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Sir Henry Cohen, President of the British Medical Association and Professor of Medicine at the University of Liverpool, has been elected President of the Friends of the Anti-Tuberculosis League of Israel in Great Britain.

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's customary Purim Concert-Party will take place on February 23 with the participation of the famous harmonica player, Larry Adler. Other institutions are kindly requested by the I.P.O. to avoid arranging functions for that date.

Dr. F. A. Coles, Jr., head of the Economic Analysis Division, U.S.O.M., is to address the Herzliya-Kfar Shmaryahu Rotary Club at 8.30 tonight at the Sharon Hotel on "Industrial Development in Israel." Aluf-Mishne David Reshef will address the Jerusalem Rotary Club at lunch today on Civil Defence. Dr. N. Robinson will address the Haifa Rotary Club on "Solar Radiation" today.

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BIRTH

SENIOR. — To Ruth (nee Fourier) and Boris Senior — a daughter, sister to Tamar. Assuta Hospital Tel Aviv, January 16, 1956.

Rabbi Ardon, Veteran U.S. Zionist, Dead

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — Rabbi Jacob J. Ardon, 80, founder of the oldest Zionist organization in the United States, died here last night.

He founded and served as President of the Federation of American Zionists forerunner of the present Zionist Organization of America. In addition he was a founder of the first modern Hebrew day school in America.

With his father, Rabbi Samuel Ardon, he established the Rabbi Jacob J. Joseph school in New York in 1889. He also founded the Hebrew Academy of Miami Beach, Florida, and a Jewish community centre there.

Botschko Interred In Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The remains of Rabbi Y.E. Botschko, founder of the Etz Haim Yeshiva in Montreux, were interred yesterday at Sanhedria cemetery in Jerusalem.

Chief Rabbi Herzog, who eulogized the deceased, paid tribute to his unfailing devotion to advancing the knowledge of Judaism. More than 1,000 persons, including many heads of *yeshivot*, paid their last respects at the graveside.

The coffin arrived yesterday morning at Lydda Airport and was taken to Sha'arei Zedek hospital.

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Top-Grade Hotels, Empty This Winter, are Fully Booked for Spring

Jerusalem Post Staff

Although the tourist tide is now, as usual, at its lowest ebb and the number of visitors well below the expectations of a few months ago, the flow is expected to pick up considerably, and this year may become Israel's best so far.

Anyway, *hoteliers* have no cause for worry, Mr. H. Levy, Tel Aviv Chairman of the Israel Caterers Association, told *The Jerusalem Post*. Other leading members of the trade aired similar views.

Apparently, the main reason that kept back a record number of winter tourists was the strained political situation in this part of the world. However, Lady Hore-Belisha said to one *hotelier*, "Where could I sit in the warm sunshine like this in England in January?" When tourists appreciated that and enjoyed their visits, the industry could not fail, he said.

Hardest hit by the present lack of tourists is the Accadia Grand Hotel in Herzliya, which opened last summer. Only 15 of the hotel's 120 rooms are occupied now and about 1,000 nights' bookings were cancelled during the past two months. The hotel, however, will not close down as has been rumoured and is quite heavily booked for Purim. Hotel-keepers said that the Accadia could only expect a small number of bookings at present "as it has not yet found its clientele."

Winter Bookings Cancelled

The Tadmor Hotel, too, is only 25 per cent full after 75 per cent of its winter bookings were cancelled. However, last winter the hotel had still fewer visitors, "but that was because we were not as well established," the hotel's spokesman said.

Others with only a few bookings are the Yarkon Hotel on the Tel Aviv seafront and the Ramat Aviv just outside Tel Aviv, both of which report that they are one-third full.

Mr. Y. Arazi, manager of the Ramat Aviv, said that all his bookings for December had been cancelled. Nevertheless, he is not at all pessimistic and is going ahead preparing new attractions, such as the "biblical" bar. Over 90 per cent of the hotel's guests were tourists last year.

Much better reports have come in from the Dan, Sharon and Kaete Dan Hotels. The Dan is nearly full and its guests are no fewer than last year at this time, when their numbers were swelled with the "Porgy and Bess" and Lionel Hampton troupes. Many of its guests, though, are Israelis.

First-time Guests

The Sharon Hotel in Herzliya, famous for its "personal attention," has 150 per cent more guests now than at the same time last year, though only about a quarter of them are there for the first time. The hotel's 1955 figures show an increase of 12 per cent over the previous year.

The Kaete Dan, smaller brother of its neighbour, the Dan, gives the cheeriest report. "We are full up — in both war and peace."

Hotel prices will not rise in 1956, it was learned.

Same Picture in Capital

Jerusalem's three grade Aleph hotels — the King David, the President and the Eden — present pretty much the same picture as their Tel Aviv area cousins.

The King David is running at not more than 15 per cent capacity. One floor has been completely closed, a second is open only to two resident families, and a large part of the staff has taken leave without pay.

Its manager, Mr. Edmund Ehrlich, says the winter season has been "a complete disaster."

Off-season reductions of 30 per cent have brought no extra business from Israelis to any of the three.

The King David, opened in 1931 and Israel's most widely-known hotel, has nevertheless maintained its standards.

The "hotel on the border" reports that business will pick up in March unless the security position frightens it away. There is a "very large waiting list" for Passover, and until after the Zionist Congress in mid-April there will be little chance of finding accommodations at the King David.

Mr. Avraham Lifshitz, proprietor of the Eden, opened in 1938, said that everyone of the 150 reservations he had in December were cancelled because of scare headlines in the foreign press.

Passover and Zionist Congress bookings have already filled the Spring reservation lists at the Eden. Mr. Lifshitz said that if March and April are "quiet" the summer season should be good.

Mr. Haim Schiff, owner of the President (Jerusalem's only major *kasher* hotel), stated that his establishment was running up to 20 per cent capacity, and is assisted by the fact that a large number of Knesset members lodge there. Depending on the security situation, he looks to the best season so far with three times more reservations than he can fill after March 1. The hotel was opened in April 1954.

Mr. Schiff said that the President would issue $500,000 in shares this summer in order to raise money to complete the hotel. When completed it would have a theatre for 1,200 persons, a hall to seat 1,500 and 200 more beds.

'Not Too Bad'

The Dolphin House hotel in Shavei Zion, north of Haifa, is closed during the winter months.

Both the Zion Hotel in Haifa and the Galei Kinneret in Tiberias report that the situation is "not too bad." There is a drop in the number of foreign tourists compared with last year.

In Tiberias, the number of vacationers has risen, but they are staying for shorter periods, resulting in a 10 per cent drop in the total of "nights booked."

Neither of the two hotels would call the situation "bad," although they say it could be better.

B.G. to Discuss 'Closed Areas' in Knesset Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion is scheduled to speak in the Knesset today about the matter of "closed areas." These areas, totalling two million dunams of land, are being used for Army manoeuvres, and may be entered only by persons holding special permits.

The sites for the manoeuvres were chosen in 1954 by a special committee of the Ministries of Agriculture and Interior.

The order announcing this decision came into effect on November 18 and was signed by Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff.

The territory affected consists chiefly of Jewish and State-owned areas in the Negev and in the vicinities of Zichron Ya'acov, Bat Shlomo, Natanya, Beisan, Ben Shemen, Rosh Pina, and the Jerusalem Corridor.

Most of the Arab land affected is in the vicinity of Deir Hanna, Araba and Sahnin villages in Galilee, comprising some 64,000 dunams (and not 200,000 as reported previously). Of this land, only 7,000 dunams are being farmed, the rest being rocky and unsuitable for cultivation.

'Closed' During Mandate

Of this area, 54,000 dunams — most of which is now State-owned — were "closed" for years during the Mandate period, when the British used them for the same purpose. The British Army paid Arab villagers annual rents based on one per cent of their value, as estimated by a Mandatory and settlement officer, who, in August 1945 assessed the value of the territory as "LP100,000 and possibly much less."

Instructions have been issued to the Military Governor in Galilee to issue permits enabling villagers to enter the "closed areas" for farm work (involving some 700 dunams of olives and orchards) or work in plants, such as the Arab-owned quarries near Ne'nah village, whenever this can be done without interrupting the scheduled Army manoeuvres or placing the villagers or their livestock in danger.

50,000 Visit Weizmann Grave in 1955

REHOVOT, Tuesday. — Nearly 50,000 people paid their respects at the grave of Dr. Chaim Weizmann in the grounds of his residence in Rehovot during the year 1955. They included over 33,000 adults and some 16,500 children.

The peak visiting months for adults last year were April and May, with over 5,000 visitors in each month. Peak visiting months for children were May and June, when they totalled close on 12,000. The majority of the children came in organized school and class groups.

Surveying Begun On New Water Tunnel

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Surveying began today on the site where a shaft is to be cut into the Menashe hills, west of Afula, above the location of a projected tunnel to be part of the national master irrigation plan.

The 70-metre shaft will provide geological data and information on water levels needed before excavation begins in the tunnel. It is expected that work on the shaft will be started in a few weeks.

The tunnel which is the second one to be dug in the master plan will be 6.25 kilometres long and 2.9 metres in diameter. It will take from four to five years to complete. The 850-metre tunnel at Ilabun in Galilee is shortly to be completed.

Though these subterranean waterways are ahead of other sections of the Jordan-Negev line, it was decided to go ahead with their excavations so as to make use of the equipment already available. A third tunnel of 1.25 kilometres is to be bored later near Nahalal.

J.N.F. Major Employer In Lachish Area

More than 90 per cent of the wage earners in the Lachish area are today employed by the Jewish National Fund in tree-planting. The Fund plans the planting of 792,000 trees on 4,600 dunams in the area this year.

For the first time, the J.N.F. has introduced the use of "tarprime," made from the residue of soft coal after the gas is extracted, to coat the boxes in which the saplings are raised. The coating protects the metal from damp and keeps it from crumbling. It is expected to save some IL50,000 in foreign currency laid out annually for the purchase of the metal boxes.

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Jan. 30, Jerusalem — "Edison"
Tickets: Tel Aviv; Schlesinger-Springer, Rococo, Canaf. Haifa: Juval — Ginsburg. Jerusalem: Cahana.

'Falafel Prof.' Calls For Vendors' Parley

RAMLE, Tuesday. — A national congress of *falafel* vendors, to be climaxed by a "*falafel king*" competition, is proposed by the "*Falafel Professor*," Itzhak Nafusi, in a letter to the Ramle Defence Fund authorities.

"The Professor" says that the congress would attract a country-wide audience of gourmets, and considerably boost Fund contributions.

Chicago, Israel Schools Exchange Flags

CHICAGO. (By Air Mail). — Ceremonies featuring the exchange of flags between three Israel secondary schools and three high schools in Chicago were held here recently in the presence of officials of the Israel Consulate and prominent citizens of this city.

The flag exchanges were designed as a token of friendship and goodwill between Israel and U.S. students and followed the suggestion of Mr. Sidney A. Teller, a Chicago author and lecturer, during a visit to Israel in 1952.

The Israel flags came from the Herzliya Secondary School in Tel Aviv to the Von Steuben High School in Chicago, the Rehavia Secondary School in Jerusalem to Roosevelt High School in Chicago and the Ma'aleh Secondary School in Jerusalem to the South Shore High School in Chicago.

Peanut-Growing Area To Rise 60%

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The area planted in peanuts this year will be approximately 60 per cent larger than last year's crop of 60,000 dunams, the Ministry of Agriculture spokesman has announced.

The Minister, Mr. Kaddish Looz, has appointed a committee, headed by Mr. Z. Zur, Deputy Minister, to seek ways and means to increase the area planted and to recommend a more profitable way to sell the crop. In 1955, only 20 per cent of the crop was exported and too little of the rest was utilized by local industry.

At the Cinema

STUDENTS of cine-history will enjoy to repeat an unforgettable visit to Stockholm with the revival of "Queen Christina," an all-time screen classic, at the Studio in Jerusalem. *Th.F.M.*

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
322, 249, 33.3 & 48.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m. 1.30, 7.00, 9.00 & 12.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 am., 2.15 & 5.45 p.m.

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.20 Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Morning Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" Renée Lébas. 12.30 Concert: Clementi: Symphony in D-major; Bach: Violin Concerto in D-major; Ravel: Rhapsodie Espagnole (R). 1.45 Break for Music: Eileen Joyce, Piano (R). 3.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Oriental Music (R). 4.15 Siesta. 4.35 Working Woman. 4.45 Weekly Talmud Lesson. 5.15 Youth Corner. 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Young Artists, Mozart Programme: 1) Sonata in C for Violin & Piano, K. 296, played by Y. Zivoni & H. Shwimer; 2) Divertimento K. 229, played by Recorder-Trio led by E. Markus. 7.45 "What's New in Science." 8.00 Cantoral Requests. 8.30 Twenty Questions. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Siesta. 9.35 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, transmitted from the Edison Cinema. 10.20 "Literary Corner." 10.40 "Vocal Recital" by Ruth Sharon. 11.05 "In a Late Hour." 11.35 Nocturno. 12.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
407, 460, 225, 216, 43.9 & 33.3 M.

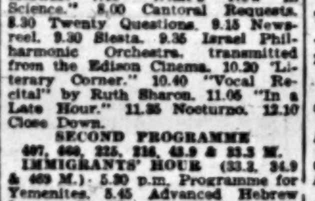
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.2, 34.9 & 469 M.): 5.30 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Advanced Hebrew Lesson—Dr. Kamrat. 6.00 Light Music (R). 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Persian. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.40 "The Way We Live"—Moshe Pearlman. 6.45 Greetings. 7.00 Hebrew Lesson for Beginners.

11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 "The Way We Live"—Moshe Pearlman. 11.30 Musical Greetings. 11.45 The Week's News.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 226 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs — Requests. 7.00 News. 7.10 Conductor of the Week, Thomas Beecham. 7.30 Tomorrow's "Bamahane." 8.00 Songs. 8.30 Folk Songs. 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.42, 16.96, 25.15 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News, News Talk, Youth Magazine.



New Oil Company Not Yet Registered

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel oil company that was granted two concessions on a total area of 600,000 dunams near Heletz last Thursday has not yet been registered, Government officials say. It may be set up in a few days.

The Company's registered capital will be IL12m., but only IL3m. will be paid up at the outset. All the *kibbutz* organizations will participate in this company, their interests totalling 13 per cent, or immediate paid up capital of IL390,000.

It is understood that no shares will be offered to the public in the near future. The Company does intend to receive permission from the Registrar of Companies to issue IL2m. in shares to the public at some later date.

A certain amount of surprise has been expressed that the Government does not seem interested in urging the Israel oil drilling companies to try and sell oil shares on the market.

The Petroleum Board will be meeting shortly to grant additional concessions in the Negev and Galilee to the various prospecting companies.

300 MEMBERS of the Armenian Church are to cross into Jordan this morning to celebrate Christmas. The Jordan authorities have approved the entire list of pilgrims.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Givant, Rehov Keren Kayemet, 2393. Zichron Moshe, near Edison Cinema, 4191.
TEL AVIV: Marpe, 77 Allenby, 3487. Moshenson, 83 Ben Yehuda, 22481. Kitajewicz, 22 Hayarkon, 2566. Bograshow, 60 Bograshow, 23889. **JAFFA:** Dajani, 98 Jerusalem. **RAMAT GAN:** Gremsa, 50 Bialik, 72237. **GIVATAYIM:** Noga, opp. Fire Station, 72458. **RISHON LE ZION:** Maial. **HOLON:** Ribek, Kikar Struma. **PETAH TIKVA:** Assuta, 7 Stampfer.
HAIFA: Habriut, 55 Herzl, 4063. Hakochav, 28 Wadi Salib. **KIRYAT BIALIK:** Bialik, 7290. **SAFAD:** Feldmann.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

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Cinemas

JERUSALEM
At 1.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Man Without A Star.
EDEN: Hit the Deck, 2nd week.
EDISON: Battle Cry, 2nd week.
ORGIL: Passport to Pimlico, 2nd week.
ORION: Love is a Many-Splendored Thing.
ORNA: Emergency Call.
RON: The Purple Plain.
STUDIO: Queen Christina.
TEL OR: The Great Man.
ZION HALL: "Le Rouge et le Noir."

TEL AVIV
At 2.30, 4.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ALLENBY: To Hell and Back, 3rd week.
ARMON DAVID: "Carosello Napolitano."
CHEN: Magnificent Obsession, 2nd week.
ESTHER: Blackboard Jungle, 2nd week.
MOGRABI: Demetrius and the Gladiators, 2nd week.
OPHIR: Brigadoon.
ORION: Young at Heart.
SHDEROT: The Divided Heart.
TAMAR: Top Secret, 4th week. Mats.: "The Highway Man," continuous from 9.45 a.m.; Last showing 3.45 p.m.
TCHELET: "Les Amants du Tage," 10th week.
YARON: Gilda.
ZAMIR: "Furia," 8th week.

HAIFA

GAL OR: Madness at Heart. Matinee: Call North Sight 777.
AMPHITHEATRE: The Seven Year Itch.
ORAH: The Woman of Rome.
ARMON: "La Donna Del Fiume," 2nd week.
EN DOR: Hajji Baba.
ORLY: Passport to Pimlico, 3rd week.
MORIAH: Her Twelve Men, 3rd week.
ORION: Women's Prison.
ATZMON: "Les Femmes s'en Balancent."
PEER: On the Waterfront, 4th week.
MAY: Rodeo.

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★ **Exhibitions:** — "Conquest of the Desert" permanent Exhibition on the grounds of the Jerusalem Convention Centre, 10-1, 4-6.
1) Oil Paintings and Drawings by Yona Mach. 2) Drawings and Woodcuts by Jacob Pins. 3) Selection of Japanese Prints from Jacob Pins' collection. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.
1) Dutch and Flemish Paintings of the 17th Century. 2) French Paintings of the 20th Century. 3) Paintings by Zygmunt Schreter. 4) Pochoir Paintings of Maya Art after Manuscripts and Monuments by Felipe Neri Gonzales. Exhibit of the Month: A Drawing by Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, called Guercino (1591-1666). Bezalel National Museum. 9-1, 3-5.
Permanent archaeological exhibition at the Department of Antiquities. Also temporary Exhibition of objects found in Caesarea. Visiting hours: Sundays—Thursdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; 3-5 p.m. Fridays and eves of holidays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturdays and holidays 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

★ **Tours:** — Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta. 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions:—** Watercolours by Shimshon Holzman and paintings by Zphira Ilin; Tel Aviv Museum, 9-1, 3-5. Paintings, drawings and woodcuts by Arieh Alweil, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m., Tel Aviv Museum.
Carnival Costumes and Masks for Purim (Watercolours), many original creations by Hanna Or. Daily at Beit Hahalutzot, 37 Rehov HameleKh George. 10-1, 3-6 p.m.; Friday: 10-3.

★ **Memorial Meeting:** — Destruction of Radom, Poland. Z.O.A. House, 7 p.m.

★ **Film Club:** — "A Day at the Races," with the Marx Brothers. Z.O.A. House. 8.30 p.m.

★ **Concert:—** Violin recital, Wanda Wilkomirska, Ohel Shem—8.30 p.m.

★ **Theatre:—** Chamber Theatre, "The Good Soul of Szechuan," Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "The Lady of the Manor," New Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.
Ohel, "Johnny Belinda," Ohel Theatre, 8 p.m.
"Der Gazlen."—Yiddish Theatre, Tiferet, 8.30 p.m.

HAIFA

★ **Theatre:—** The Spanish-French Ballet of Jose Torres and his 16-man band. — "May" Hall, 9 p.m. Chamber Theatre, "The Italian Straw Hat," Armon Hall, 6.30 and 9.15 p.m.
Habimah, "Pandre the Hero," Moetzet Poalei Haifa, 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Zirateon:—** Benny Bennet and his Latin American Band — 7.15 and 9.30 p.m.

KFAR SABA

★ **Theatre:** — Ohel, "Eldorado," 8 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

★ **Theatre:—** Do-Re-Mi, "Holiday in Venice," 8.15 p.m.

NATANYA

★ **Theatre:—** Yiddish Musical Comedy, "The Singing Blacksmith," Sharon Hall, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.

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Friday, Jan. 20, Kiryat Motzkin, Orot, at 8.45 p.m. "My Girl."
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wishes to inform the delegates of the Council, representatives of the various Institutions and the interested general public, that the

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Tel Aviv Stock Market

JANUARY 17, 1956

Pop. Loans	
1949/69 (IL10)	99½
3½% Tavei Dollar x)y)	69½
4% Comp. Loan 56/67	65½
3½% War Loan 54/59	89½
2½% Gov Bds (large)	90½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	93½
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	94½
Pal Bearer Bds Ser. b	81½
Bk. Leumi ord.sh.	222
A.P.B. Investm. ord sh "B"	109½
Gazit ord. sh. "B"	101
Ellern's Inv. ord.	159
P.E.C.Inv.ord."B"sh.d	98½
Gen Mortg. Bk.ord. sh	77
Bizur 4% debe 56/65	81½
Nir 4% Debs. (bearer)	92½
5% pref. sh.	81½
Pasa 4% debs 40/64 reg	80
"Inva" 5% debs.	85
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	114
5% debs.	81
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	81½
Rassco 6% pref. ord. sh.d)	90
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	331
"A" ord shares	117
Pal. Elec.pref.sh.(Ldn)	298
6½% P.E.C. Debs 57 64	102¼ *
	104½ **
Mekorot pref. sh.	76½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	118½
6-8% conv. debs.	92½
"Kurdaneh" ord. "B"	123
7% conv. debs. 59/68	93½
Moller-Dee ord.sh. reg. x	875
Pal.-Brewery 8%con sh.	83
Assis Botarano "B" sh.	139½
"Teva" ord. sh. d)	105½
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	103
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs.	143
ord sh. reg. (full div.)	225
Pal. Centr. Tr 8% debs	94

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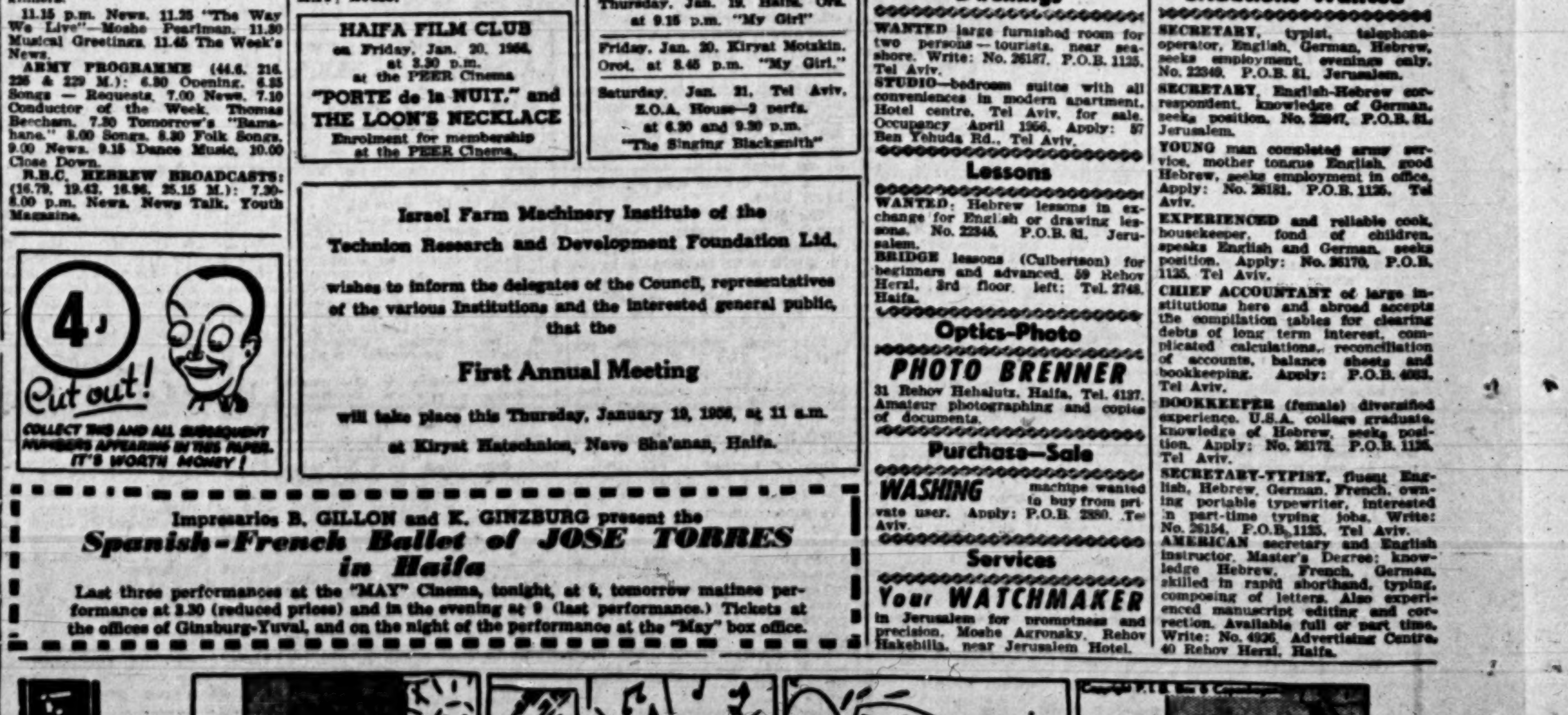
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Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with the possibility of local rain in the early morning.

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Mt. Cana'an	—	4	11	10
Tiberias	80	10	16	17
Haifa Port	65	9	15	16
Natanya	69	9	19	15
Tel Aviv Kirya	56	8	20	19
Tel Aviv Port	61	10	18	16
Lydda Airport	60	7	19	17
Jerusalem	67	6	13	13
Beersheba	61	6	18	17
Eilat	36	9	21	21

*A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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AN EMERGENCY meeting of Emek Hefer settlers was held in Kfar Vitkin yesterday to discuss the present security situation. They were addressed by Army officers, Border Police and members of the Jewish Agency Defence Committee.

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THE STAFF of the Shilumim Corporation in Israel have decided on a 45-hour week as from January 15 in line with the Government's request to public institutions.

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THE 45 fishermen of the Histadrut-owned Nahshon Company decided to demand strike action against the company yesterday. The men, who operate six Nahshon boats on a percentage basis, are demanding a minimum wage. At present, the top earners get IL150 gross monthly. The company stated that it could not afford to promise anything as it was losing money.

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THE Z.O.A. House Club's third monthly dinner meeting tomorrow will be addressed by Mr. Jacques Torczyner, Vice-President of the Zionist Organization of America. Members who may inadvertently not have received invitations are kindly requested to phone Tel Aviv 21141. Guests are welcome.

President Tours Treasury Building

The President, Mr. Itzhak Ben-Zvi, visited the recently completed Treasury building in the Kirya in Jerusalem yesterday. He was received by the Minister of Finance and the Director-General of the Ministry, who guided him through the various departments.

Mr. Shlomo Arazi, who is in charge of Government property, gave the President details about the building, which is the first to have been put up in the new Kirya. The structure has been planned to stand up against any possible bombardment by weapons currently in use in the Middle East.

All the rainwater falling on the building is caught and drained into an underground cistern holding 600 cu.m. for emergency use. The foundation has been laid so that it can support three further storeys in addition to the present four floors and cellar.

The President later met the departmental heads and representatives of the workers' committee.

M.K.'s See Films

A special performance for Knesset Members of seven short films produced by the Civic Education and Information Services was given yesterday afternoon at the Orgil cinema in Jerusalem. Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett was among those who attended.

The films, which depict various phases of Israel life, were of a uniformly high quality. They dealt with life in a typical village settled by newcomers, paying income taxes, discovery of oil, training pilots, the consequences of failing to pay income taxes, the need for a strong army, and group singing.

Haifa Police Sergeant Kills Self at H.Q.

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Yoel Flink, 53, a veteran police sergeant, shot and killed himself at police headquarters here this morning. He left a note stating that he was depressed and had no further interest in life. He asked that no one be blamed for his suicide.

Sergeant Flink joined the police force in January, 1927. He had been a resident of the Kiryat Haim suburb for many years. During the 1929 riots, he distinguished himself by his courage in the defence of the Jewish quarters of Haifa. In 1939, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was made top sergeant in 1950 but failed to get a commission because of his age. He was last employed in the Criminal Investigation Department.

Child Crushed To Death by Truck

A seven-year-old boy, Avner Moshe, was crushed to death by a truck yesterday outside the school in the Talpiot ma'bara in Jerusalem. The boy's parents live in the ma'bara.

The child had gone outside to play during a recess when he was hit by the truck which was backing up. The body was taken to Hadassah Hospital.

The driver, whose name was not released, was detained.

HADERA MAPAI ELECTS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HADERA. — The local branch of Mapai last week elected 61 members to the new regional council of their party, giving two-thirds of their votes to the opponents of Mr. David Berman, former mayor of Hadera.

The largest number of votes went to Mr. Itzhak Wiederiser, the present mayor; Mr. Meir Rappaport, secretary of the local Histadrut branch; Mr. Aharon Levi and Mr. Israel Shlev, secretaries of Mapai branch, in that order.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: For invalids: Frozen meat for holders of Med. Assn. cards. Eggs: for holders of Med. Assn. cards.

HAIFA, HADERA AND NORTH: Sweetened cocoa: 150 gms. for Aleph and Bet cards. tenn. 25 Imported butter: 100 gms. for invalids for each of coupons Het Aleph 1, 2 and 3. Het Bet 1, 2, 3 and 4. Het Gimel 1, 2, 3 and 4. Imported cheese: 100 gms. For unmarried mothers, coupons 3*.

State Collects IL243m. Revenue In Nine Months of Fiscal Year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

State revenue in the first nine months of the 1955/56 fiscal year rose to IL243m. compared with IL191m. in the same period in 1954, Mr. Ze'ev Sharef, Director of State Revenue, told the Press yesterday. Though the money raised in the nine months from taxes represents only 65 per cent of the IL347.5m. that the Government hopes to collect under the amended budget estimate, there is no cause for worry, as the last three months of the year are generally those that show the highest income, Mr. Sharef said.

The Ministry of Finance is confident that the budget estimate will be reached by March 31, he added.

Indirect taxes — customs, excise taxes, purchase tax and entertainment tax — accounted for more than half of the revenue. The amended budget takes into account an increase of IL21m. in customs and excise taxes on tobacco, cement, alcoholic beverages and tires to cover the expenses of the expanded immigration programme. Since September, when the taxes were revised, some IL7m. in added revenue has been collected.

Largest Single Source

Income tax, however, with IL98m. already paid into the Government coffers, is still the largest single source of revenue, Mr. Sharef explained. Salaried workers and the self-employed each account for 40 per cent of income tax revenue, with industry paying the remaining 20 per cent.

In answer to a question, Mr. Sharef said that in the first nine months of the fiscal year, legal action was taken by the income tax authorities against 16 persons for making false returns. For the future, however, the legal adviser to the Income Tax Commission will have to approve every suit before it can be brought to court and will have to give his approval for a case to be dismissed once legal action is begun. Formerly, if the authorities and the taxpayer reached agreement before the case came up on the docket, the authorities usually agreed to dismiss the case.

In cases of false returns and doctored books, there will be no more backing down, Mr. Sharef emphasized.

The Information Service of the Income Tax Commission, with 50 qualified investigators, are responsible for examining any suspicious returns. They have at their disposal information gleaned from all government departments, and are able to estimate accurately the income of a business man or self-employed worker selling services or goods to the Government. This information is sifted out by the Assessment Officer and checked against returns. The Service does not take into account private expenditure or standard of living, however, Mr. Sharef said.

Amendment Considered

One of the amendments to the Income Tax Law now under discussion is a proposal to make advance income tax payments due every two months, instead of quarterly, Mr. Sharef said. Assessment for payments will be made at the beginning of each fiscal year and will remain fixed till the end of the year under the suggested change in the Law.

Another amendment would require salaried taxpayers to file their returns in June, and all those who keep books, by July, two months ahead of the present arrangement.

Mr. Sharef revealed that the income tax authorities investigated 18,500 individual returns reported in the Tax Assessment Book in which total declared income amounted to IL14.5m. The Assessment Officer assessed these returns at more than IL30m., and, in individual adjustments made in every case, agreed to recognise declarations totalling IL24m. for the group. In 3,500 cases in which investigations were carried out but no mutual agreement was reached, the income tax authorities raised declarations of only IL4m. taxable income to more than IL7.5m.

TEACHERS GIVE IL150,000 FOR ARMS

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Teachers Association has transferred IL150,000 to the Defence Fund on account of its members' contribution, it was announced today.

The Ata Company has doubled its contribution, bringing it to IL50,000.

Railway workers have sent IL10,269 on account of their contribution. Officials of the Haifa customs office have donated IL3,063. The officials of Lydda Airport and Jaffa Port customs have sent IL2,000 Mr. Y. Tennenbaum, a Haifa contractor, has contributed IL2,000.

Merchants Asked To Give 1/3 of Income

At the meeting of the praesidium of the Jerusalem Merchants Association this week it was decided to set up an Action Committee for the Defence Fund. This committee will collect a minimum of one-third of a month's income from each of the capital's merchants.

Kvutzat Ma'ale Hahamisha has donated IL1,000 to the Fund.

Poles to Construct Syria-Saudia Rly.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA). — The Polish Embassy announced that Poland has completed a deal to build a railway line linking Damascus in Syria with Medina in Saudi Arabia.

Poland was awarded the contract to work on the strategic Hedjaz railway which runs 800 kms. from Damascus to Medina and which represents a significant Communist penetration of the two countries, observers pointed out. State Department circles expressed grave concern over the railway contract, linking it with the Czech-Egyptian arms deal as a device to penetrate into those Arab states opposed to the Baghdad pact.

Blass Threatens to Quit If Dept. Is Closed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Unless the decision to wind up Tahal's Works Department is reversed, Mr. Simha Blass, director of Tahal and Water Planning Adviser to the Government, will stand by his decision to resign, Mr. Blass told *The Jerusalem Post* today.

Mr. Blass was the sole member of Tahal's management board to oppose the abolition of the department. He said it was customary throughout the world for the planning authority to be responsible for the carrying out of the work. He intends to appeal to the Prime Minister to abrogate the decision, but as yet has not done so, he said. According to the decision, Tahal will be the supreme planning authority, while Mekorot will probably carry out the undertakings.

The national master irrigation plan is completed, Mr. Blass said, and is shortly to be submitted for authorization to the Government's National Water Projects Committee. At the end of the month it will be sent to an expert in the U.S. for a final check.

Mr. Blass was appointed Director of the Ministry of Agriculture's Water Division in September, 1948, and has been director of Tahal since its inception in 1952.

FARM GROUPS ASK FOR MORE CREDITS

Demands for increased credits were voiced by the representatives of 11 regional purchasing organizations in a recent meeting with Mr. Z. Zur, Deputy Minister of Agriculture. The organizations represent 304 agricultural villages which have more than 100,000 inhabitants.

The representatives pointed out that their activities were seriously hampered by their inability to obtain credits. In 1953/54, their turnover was IL73m., while in 1954/55 it was much higher. However, they could obtain credits only to cover purchases for one month.

Mr. Zur, who noted that the expansion of agriculture necessitated increased credits, promised to bring their demands before the proper Government authorities as soon as possible.

HULA VALLEY VILLAGES MAY GET HELP

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Financial assistance to settlements in Galilee which have lost hundreds of dunams of potatoes in the Hula Valley is being considered by the Ministry of Agriculture. Many of the settlements grew bumper potato crops this year, but were unable to pick them because the incessant rains made the land swampy.

Those potatoes which have been picked were found to be unsuitable for marketing, while one settlement has sent its produce to be made into spirit.

The total financial loss of the Hula Valley settlements is assessed as nearly IL500,000.

Closer Ties With West Africa Foreseen

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Closer relations between Israel and Liberia and the Gold Coast were forecast by Dr. D. Lewin, Director of the Asian Division of the Foreign Ministry, who returned from Liberia today. Dr. Lewin represented Israel at the swearing-in celebrations last month of the Liberian President, Mr. W. Tubman.

In his talk with the President and senior Liberian officials, Dr. Lewin found that they wished for closer ties between Liberia and Israel and would soon send a delegation to investigate possibilities of tighter relations.

The President has already nominated an Israel resident as Liberian Honorary Consul in Israel, though Dr. Lewin did not reveal his name. Israel is represented in Monrovia by an Honorary Consul, Mr. Simon Simonovitch.

Dr. Lewin also met representatives of the Gold Coast, including its Foreign Minister who, too, promised to send a delegation to this country.

Closer links with West African countries open up possibilities to local exporters and importers. Liberia, for instance, is rich in nuts, coffee, rubber and ivory.

Social Science Group Formed in T.A.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Claiming that they have no professional association of their own, persons engaged in the social sciences have set up their own organization in Tel Aviv. Officially registered as the "Israel Association of Social Science Graduates," its membership is open to economists, statisticians, sociologists, management personnel, social psychologists and others.

Some 300 persons have already applied for membership, Mr. Dan Alfonl-Charas, its Secretary and acting Secretary-General of Tahal, said today. Among the members of its Central Committee are department heads of Government Ministries and institutions. Its aims are to encourage research and study, to safeguard the interests of its members and to be their official representative.

THE CONSUMERS Association will receive complaints from the public on Mondays between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, and on Tuesdays between 4 and 6 p.m. at Beit Hashoeva Lane 8, Tel Aviv. It is asked that the faulty products be brought along to facilitate investigations.

B-G, Agron, Discuss Problems of J'lem

Problems facing Jerusalem were discussed yesterday by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Mayor Gershon Agron, and Deputy Mayor M. Ish-Shalom, it was announced.

The discussion centred around diverting North African immigrants to the capital for permanent settlement, the economic development of the city, the evacuation and resettling of persons living in dangerous buildings, and the liquidation of the Talpiot ma'bara. Matters pertaining to the emergency situation were also discussed, it was said.

The Municipality announces that several huts, which constituted a danger to health and which marred the appearance of the city, were demolished recently by the Engineering Department after the owners had failed to obey warnings to remove them.

26 Immigrants Come From East Europe

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Twenty-six immigrants who have come from East Europe, the largest group to come by air from there in one day, arrived by El Al from Vienna this morning.

The group was delayed in the Austrian capital for several days, because bad weather conditions there prevented flying.

Among the arrivals was a tourist from Leningrad, Mrs. Miriam Rechter, 57, who came to visit her sister in Tel Aviv.

Also included in the group were Mrs. S. Grossman, 41, and her daughter Nadjida, 15, of the Ukraine, who came to join Mrs. Grossman's mother in Jaffa. Mrs. Grossman is a *Sabra* who left the country with her husband for France in 1937. Mr. Grossman died during World War II, and the wife and daughter fled to Russia where they lived till Mrs. Grossman's return "home" today. The oldest of the newcomers is 78-year-old Mrs. D. Dargazki of Vilna, who came to join her son in Rehovot.

The immigrants said that it took them from five to seven months to obtain their exit visas.

Two elderly immigrants who came from Barbados arrived from Brussels by Sabena early this morning, to join their son at Nir Moshe settlement in the Negev. The couple are Mr. H. Rehfeld, 83, and his wife Marta, 78. They lived in Danzig before the Second World War, but when war broke out, they left for the West Indies. *(Itim)*

Twenty-one newcomers from Turkey arrived in Haifa yesterday in the s.s. Kadea.

Officer Cited For Bravery

Rav-Seren Aharon Davidi has been cited for unusual bravery and leadership in time of battle by the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan. In the course of battle, when an officer had been killed, leaving a unit with no commander, Rav-Seren Davidi exposed himself to enemy fire to reorganize the unit, and commanded it until the enemy position was overcome.

Hundreds of New Officers Graduated

Hundreds of new officers completed their course at an army training base on Monday, and were sent to their units. Among those winding up the course were volunteer reservists and regular army men, representing infantry, parachute, air force and border police services.

The Deputy Chief of Staff, Aluf Haim Laskov, reviewed the march-past of the troops, and pinned their officers badges on the two outstanding candidates, Eytan Arieli, of Kibbutz Negba, and Aaron Nadler, of Kibbutz Tzora.

Elsewhere, at another army camp, an instructors course of the Women's Army Corps also finished its training.

Graves Uncovered Are 'Outside Tomb Area'

The graves which have been uncovered near the Rambam's Tomb in Tiberias are outside the fenced-in area in the immediate vicinity of the Tomb, and there is no question that the present excavations will touch the Tomb of the Rambam or of any of the other sages who, according to tradition, are buried in the area, the Ministry of Education stated yesterday.

For the past few weeks, there have been a number of demonstrations near the Tomb of the Rambam as religious zealots from Jerusalem and other parts of the country flocked to the site "to protect it from desecration" at the hands of those setting up the Rambam Memorial.

The plan to establish a memorial for the Rambam was first broached by the Ministry for Religious Affairs and afterwards approved by the Inter-ministerial Committee for the Protection of Holy Sites. It was suggested that additional land be made available outside the fenced-in area to lay the foundations for the projected esplanade after the Government Antiquities Department said that it was likely that ancient graves of archaeological interest might be discovered. The construction of the memorial was begun by the Public Works Department, under the supervision of the Department of Antiquities, and the work was carried out only in the area outside the fence surrounding the tomb, the statement declared.

Jaffa Slum Clearance Planned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Parks, playgrounds a modern public bath and an archaeological museum to replace the "Shetah Hagadol" slum area are the highlights of a plan for the development of Jaffa. The new Director of Jaffa Administration, Deputy Mayor M. Ichilov, told the Press this morning that tens of thousands of pounds had been set aside for youth clubs and playing fields.

The chief problem of administering Jaffa was that almost 80 per cent of the flats are owned by the Government development authorities, Mr. Ichilov said. The tenants should be enabled to buy the flats they now occupy just as farmers could the land on which they had been settled.

He pointed out that whereas private owners were responsible for repairs, sewerage, pavements, street lighting and other amenities, difficulty was being encountered in the Administration's dealings with the national authorities.

Jaffa was an old city, he said, and at least IL3m. were required to carry out repairs on existing buildings. By selling the flats to the people who occupy them, the authorities would rid themselves of a considerable burden, Mr. Ichilov suggested, and make it easier for the Administration to go ahead with its development projects.

First Task

The Administration's first task was to liquidate the "evacuee camp" housing 2,000 persons, who would be transferred to permanent housing next month, the Deputy Mayor reported. The last camp was established after the destruction of the Old City and the floods in 1950 to accommodate residents whose homes had collapsed or had to be destroyed. About 70 buildings are due for demolition and a joint fund has been established by the Municipality and the development authorities, who will advance about IL500 to each family to enable it to move, Mr. Ichilov said.

Funds have been set aside to continue archaeological excavations in Jaffa. It was planned to establish a central museum to house the finds. The museum would be in the old Turkish bath on the hill which is now the centre of the "Shetah Hagadol". This hill is the highest point in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa area and though at present a notorious slum, would be turned into a beauty spot. "There isn't any 'Shetah Hagadol' any more as far as I'm concerned," the Deputy Mayor exclaimed.

Other projects encompassed sewerage and canalization schemes, road paving and the development of an industrial area.

PERSONS INTERESTED in joining the Jerusalem Beit Ha'am Dramatic Circle, which is devoted to biblical and historical subjects under the direction of Mr. Binyamin Armon, should apply on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Beit Ha'am office.

PALALUM
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Quality of Brandies Said Improving

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION, Tuesday. — The quality of brandies is being improved by the Carmel Mizrahi wine cellars, using new equipment and methods, Dr. E. Ostashinsky, Managing Director of the Rishon LeZion and Zichron Ya'acov cellars, told the press today.

A $350,000 distillation chamber has been added to the 70-year-old cellars in Rishon as will $65,000 worth of Reparations equipment when it arrives shortly. The plant will distil 200 tons of raw grape brandy and liqueurs in 24 hours.

"Limousine" casks, reputedly the finest for aging brandy, were brought from France recently at a cost of $15,000.

During the past two years, an automatic stabilizing plant for removing sedimentation and pasteurizing machinery have been installed.

Bottling for the Purim and Passover seasons has already begun, employing some 200 workers.

Mr. G. F. Bruce, Second Secretary of the Canadian Embassy, took part in the press tour.

HISTADRUT WAGE SCALES REJECTED BY CHEMISTS

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—A stormy meeting of chemists and microbiologists employed by public institutions last night decided to reject the wage recommendations submitted to them by the Histadrut Trades Union Department and demanded various amendments to the proposed salary scales. An ultimatum has been sent to the Department threatening a partial strike on Sunday unless it approves their claims and instructs the employers to do the same.

A SENIOR official of the Haifa Port Maritime Department was detained yesterday when customs police found 100 allegedly smuggled fountain pens hidden in a belt on his person.

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had accepted Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold's proposals to settle the el-Auja dispute, but "Egypt ignores it. Are members of the Security Council now acting purposefully to secure Egyptian compliance with this proposal?"

On the question of indemnities, Mr. Eban insisted that Arab frontier incidents "are specifically directed against unarmed civilians, whereas Israel defensive responses are aimed at the military or para-military units which undertake assaults and depredations upon Israel life and property."

He said it was a "tragic and regrettable" fact that eight Syrian civilians were killed in the December 11 attack on Syrian gun posts.

Eban Recalls

Mr. Eban recalled that in 1954 an Israel offer to indemnify families of two Arabs killed in the Demilitarized Zone was rejected by Syria, and that on other occasions U.N. chairmen of the Mixed Armistice Commission had held that the point was not covered in the Armistice Agreements.

In compensation, he continued, "the need to preserve equality is absolutely paramount." A general arrangement must fall equally on both sides "with no hint of discrimination."

Mr. Eban stated that more Israelis than Arabs had died because of armistice violations, and "it would surely be wrong to attempt a selective application of the compensation principle to the victims of a particular clash."

If compensation is applied to the past, he said it must be equal for all cases. Israel and Syria have every opportunity to exchange views and reach agreement on specific claims, he said.

The Western resolution condemning Israel for the Kinneret raid in tone and content does "inadequate justice to the tormenting conditions under which Israel pursues her quest for peaceful development and for freedom from constant menace," Mr. Eban declared. The expressions of condemnation, concern and warning are, in our view, wholly disproportionate to the action to which they refer."

He said that Syrian Ambassador Shukeiry had made statements of "unbelievable arrogance" denying the jurisdiction of Israel over her territory, and asked, "Can there be a more vivid proof that the real problem before us is the aspiration of Syria and other Arab states to encompass the destruction of a neighbouring state?" Mr. Eban added: "A call to Syria to respect the armistice border is perhaps the most fundamental and important measure which the Council can take."

The Soviet resolution merely took Syria's own "extreme and partisan views" and "completely ignored the equality of rights of Israel and Syria... discriminating against hundreds of Israelis who have lost their lives at Arab hands."

"Israel deeply regrets this unbalanced approach," he said. "We see here the unfortunate extension of an attitude previously expressed in the vetoing of two important resolutions of the Security Council for no other reason than that they emphasized an Arab duty to observe Charter obligations and treaty obligations towards Israel."

The Soviet position was an "acute reminder of the inequitable disadvantage under which Israel labours in the Security Council." Mr. Eban stated. "Ever since the veto frustrated two Security Council decisions in 1954, we have been gravely aware of the effects of this imbalance. Israel comes before a tribunal where the only alternatives, whatever the merits of the case, are a verdict for the Arabs or no verdict at all."

"The consequent reduction of the Security Council's moral authority has been a serious cause of tension in the Middle East. Would any citizen in any country seek recourse to a court where the only available verdict was a verdict against him? In the light of what happened in the B'not Ya'acov and Suez discussions, what possible weight can we attach to Syrian and Soviet contentions that if Israel had a grievance she should submit to the Council?

'Misleading' Resolution

"The doctrine that a Council resolution must in no circumstances contain any material which raises Arab objections, now finds expression in the Soviet draft resolution, which is not based on objective criteria."

In an interpolation in his prepared speech, Mr. Eban said that the revised Western resolution was "misleading and unwarranted" in stressing that Syrian activities on the lake were no justification for the Israel attack.

He also recalled that the Council had never condemned or censured the Arab states for the 1947-48 war and asked, "How can France, the United Kingdom and the United States justify the idea that the murder of thousands in an attempt to destroy a country need not be condemned?"

He attacked Shukeiry for proposing an end to all economic aid to Israel and said, "He came before us as a sort of one-man world government."

Syria's suggestion, he declared, was "that the United Nations as a whole should emulate the hostility, boycott and ostracism of the Arab states."

When Mr. Eban made his reference to the Soviet resolution and position, Council President Belaunde interrupted him to say, "I ask the delegate of Israel to weigh carefully the gravity of the words he has said."

Mr. Eban replied, "I have weighed my words carefully."

A. Ben-Gurion Files Defamation Suit

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A claim for damages against "Shurat Hamitnadvim" for defamation of character amounting to IL25,000 was filed by Deputy Inspector-General of Police Amos Ben-Gurion in the District Court here today.

In the claim filed on behalf of Mr. Ben-Gurion by his lawyer, Mr. M. Caspi, it was said that four members of the "Shurat Hamitnadvim" had issued a pamphlet accusing Mr. Legum of forming a group that would purchase hotel equipment in Germany with Jewish Agency funds. The pamphlet claims that the delegation attempted to obtain large sums of money by coming to an agreement with a German firm to submit falsified invoices. It was claimed that police left for Germany to investigate the affair and opened a criminal file against the group, but the file was suddenly closed.

It goes on to say that Mr. Legum had "personal and close" relations with Mr. Amos Ben-Gurion, who for a long while lived in Mr. Legum's villa in Herzliya.

In his claim, Mr. Caspi says that the "Shurat Hamitnadvim" insinuated that his client had closed the file or ordered its closure "not for honorable reasons." They also wished to give the impression that Mr. Ben-Gurion had notified Mr. Y. Yarkoni, who was one of the group of buyers in Germany, that the police were secretly investigating the case.

Mr. Ben-Gurion approached four "Shurat Hamitnadvim" members to detail their charges. Yesterday they published their answer and made no retreat from their stand as put forward in the pamphlet.

Mr. Ben-Gurion in his claim says that these publications were "complete lies," and were meant to defame his character.

ACADEMIC COOPERATION between the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics and the Bar Ilan University was discussed when Dr. Augusto Levy, President of the Tel Aviv School, and members of his administrative staff visited Dr. Pinhas Churgin, President of Bar Ilan, yesterday.

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Cables in Brief

WELCOME. — A large crowd of Sydney University students gave a rousing welcome yesterday to three Chinese students who will attend a National University Council meeting in Adelaide.

MARSHALL. — Chief Minister David Marshall of Singapore was admitted to hospital yesterday and an official announcement said that all his engagements would be cancelled until Sunday. He has been indisposed for a week with spinal trouble.

AID.—The U.S. freighter Flying Eagle docked in Bombay yesterday carrying nearly half of the 30,000 tons of grain to aid flood victims. Another ship is expected to arrive there later this week with the balance of the grain promised.

GROUNDED. — "Air Force," monthly magazine of the U.S. Air Force Association, said yesterday that almost one-third of the fighter force of the Tactical Air Command "is grounded for lack of adequate maintenance."

ALLY.—M. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, told the Senate yesterday that he had instructed Belgium's delegation to the United Nations last December to abstain from voting on Spain's admission "not because Spain is a dictatorship but because she was Hitler's and Mussolini's ally during World War II."

RETIRES. — Len Hutton, the Yorkshire and England cricketer, announced yesterday that he has decided to give up cricket for health reasons.

Part of Dead Sea Scrolls To McGill U., Vatican

PRINCETON, New Jersey, Tuesday (Reuter) — Prof. H. Scott of Princeton University said here that parts of the Dead Sea scrolls would go to McGill University, Montreal, and to the Vatican. The scrolls are owned by the Jordan Government and at present are in the Museum in the Arab section of Jerusalem.

Prof. Scott, an authority on the Old Testament, said that McGill and the Vatican were to receive segments of the scrolls because both made financial contributions to the Department of Antiquities of the Jordan Government. They will receive the material for their libraries over a period of years, he stated.

MUSIC FOR NEGEV

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — The Beersheba Municipality, the local Histadrut and the Edward Norman Fund have started to develop musical activities in the town and the Negev settlements, placing the accent on Israel folk music. A choir and children's brass band and a Music Circle have been set up in the town.

This evening, the circle is opening with a chamber music concert featuring the pianist Pnina Salzman. Instructors in Negev settlements are being trained in setting up choirs.

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Shvat 5, 5716. — Jamad Tani 6, 1375

THE report made public on Monday by the Mapai Committee headed by Mr. Pinhas Lavon was not expected to make concrete proposals for dealing with the present emergency, and it is doubtful whether its conclusions were particularly practicable where they become specific, but they have served to raise most of the important issues.

ROAD TO PREPAREDNESS

The first of these is the proposal for the formation of a public committee to advise the Minister of Defence. This suggestion harks back to Hagana days, when such a committee existed and was essential in order to obtain the services of all parts of the Yishuv not directly connected with the Jewish Agency. It may be supposed that to some extent the idea is again the same — that there are valuable forces which, whether for party or personal reasons, are not in the service of the State and should be coopted. The disadvantage of such a body is, of course, that, without the burden of responsibility, it also cannot be entrusted with the ultimate problems of peace and war.

The other paramount issue that has been raised is that of man-power. Trained manpower, sheer know-how for whatever purpose is at a premium; the bitter truth is that we are steadily losing our advantage in the one field where we could also always rely on supremacy over the neighbouring countries. For this reason it is to be regretted that a suggestion should have been made so early to hold emergency examinations for the 8th grade pupils to enable them to join the Army. Nothing could be more unsettling in the last six months of studies than such a hint. At the same time whatever has been done to absorb the newcomers sociologically as well as economically, it has proved to be not enough. Thus it is being realized belatedly that it will be necessary to send a small nucleus of reinforcements in the form of resident instructors and teachers to most of the border settlements to assure the country of reliable defence in depth of the kind provided by the outlying settlements in 1948.

There remains the question of paying for armaments, for which the nation is being asked to find an additional IL50m. This problem is solved comparatively easily in General Zionist circles by asking for an appropriate cut in public expenditure, and particularly development projects, but anyone familiar with the present agonies and penny-paring of the government over next year's budget will realize that that is not the easy way out of the dilemma. It will certainly do our economy no good to squeeze out another IL50m. that might be used for production, but only the irresponsible would gamble now on the hope that defence may, after all, prove not necessary. To devise additional sources of revenue—read taxes — will be the business of the Finance Ministry and the Knesset, and whatever solution is found, it is certain to be unpopular. By now it can perhaps be admitted that had the Defence Fund been handled with more elan and imagination and fewer hesitations about publicity and sentiment, the great wave of willingness for sacrifice that promised to develop could have been better exploited; the small proportion of genuinely wealthy people in this country might have been tempted to play their part more becomingly, and the need for taxation avoided. Literally a golden opportunity was missed, and we shall pay for it in the form of taxes argued over and evaded where opportunity offers. But whatever the answer to the missing IL50m., it is not a wage-raise of even 5 per cent, and the left-wing parties will have a hard time justifying their pressure in this direction.

The proposals only point a direction. The work is still to be done. Mapai has taken the initiative in this matter, an initiative to be highly valued even if it does no more in the first stage than to increase the awareness among the people that we are entering upon another period in which only the defence of the land and the preservation of the people will count, and not the private fortunes of factories or kibbutzim, personalities or parties.

They Were The First

On the eighth anniversary of the fall of the Lamed Hei

NO battalion, no fighting group that took part in the War of Liberation was the subject of so many spoken and written reminiscences as the Thirty-Five who went out to reinforce the Etzion settlements, in the enemy's rear, on the fifth of Shvat, 5708, but never reached their goal. They did not have to their credit any of the conquests achieved in the War, yet they won the people's hearts more than any other force, and more was said and written about them than about the conquerors of Haifa, Tiberias, Safad, Jaffa or Beersheba.

The Thirty-Five did not conquer any stretch of land for the nation. But they bequeathed to the people a more important legacy — an example of courage, of self-sacrifice, of unlimited devotion, including the gift of one's own life.

Just before they left the schoolhouse of Hartuv after their last meal, towards evening, the Mukhtar of Hartuv told them: "Boys, don't go, the roads are full of armed Arabs from all the neighbourhood." Their answer was just three short words, three abrupt words to light up the devotion of a people: "We have orders."

Fortunate is the nation that knows what history's orders are. Fortunate is the nation that knows it must carry out, to the very end, the orders of its own history.

The Thirty-Five were not the only ones who had supreme qualities of the spirit: but they were the first; the first to embody the fabulous heroism that gave us this country and the victory no one had expected. By holding out to the last, they achieved the proudest victory of all. For their death became a pattern, a symbol, guiding the fighters who followed them and fanning the spirit of heroism in the hearts of their successors.

There is another side to this picture. We know from Arab sources how the desperate fight put up by the Thirty-Five brought confusion and fear into the hearts of the Arabs. After witnessing the heroism of these thirty-five boys, the enemy's soldiers understood that they would not be able to crush such adversaries. They were beaten in spirit before being defeated in battle.

In 1948, it was only the spirit of our fighters that brought us victory and saved us from destruction and annihilation: Today, this spirit will again have to be our chief weapon.

YITZHAK PERSITZ



Volunteers from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are now in the Negev helping settlements strengthen their security positions. Shown in the above photo are part of the 340 volunteers who gathered outside the Histadrut building in Jerusalem before leaving for the Negev. Photo by Braun

Readers' Letters

INCOME TAX

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As regards the increase of advance quarterly income tax payments, the point at issue was not made sufficiently clear during the recent Knesset debate on the subject.

The Opposition stressed the fact that the assumption of a considerable rise in the income of self-employed persons was incorrect. But this is the least important point of the argument. The more essential point is the marked reduction in tax during the past few years, which is particularly conspicuous in the medium tax brackets and which works out at as much as 50 per cent.

A tax of IL1,000 which a taxpayer who has two children paid on an assessed income of about IL3,500 in 1952/3, corresponds to an income of about IL3,800 in 1953/4 and IL 5,300 in 1955/6. If, therefore, the Treasury is going to collect 125 per cent, i.e., IL1,250 in the instance quoted above, this assumes that this taxpayer has an income of about IL5,700 in 1955/56 as against IL3,500 in 1952/3, which I think is grossly exaggerated.

There is really no justification for the increase from 25 to 37½ per cent in the advance payments, and Assessing Officers should be instructed to permit reduction whenever asked for on reasonable grounds.

Yours, etc.,

MAX STRYER

Tel Aviv.

POINTS FROM LETTERS

RENT.— The Cost of Living Index and income tax rates are based on the assumption that rent in Israel is low. However, the great mass of people who have joined the various shikun schemes, investing all their savings and taking long-term loans, are heavily indebted, most of them paying approximately one-third of their wages or salaries for their shikunim. This amount, to all intents and purposes, constitutes rent and should therefore be taken into account when computing the C.o.L. Index as well as income tax.

SINAI LEICHTER

LAMED-HEI AWARD

The memorial scholarship established at the Hebrew University in the memory of Tuvia Kushnir by his parents and the Agricultural Centre of the Histadrut will be awarded to Joseph Katznelson, a third-year Botany student and a member of Beit Keshet settlement, at a ceremony to take place at Canada Hall at noon today. Tuvia Kushnir was one of the Thirty-Five who fell in the attempt to save the Etzion bloc in the War of Liberation eight years ago. Parents and friends of the Thirty-Five are invited.

PEN FRIENDS

W.J.M. GUYTON, of 14 Victoria Road, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey, England, who is a keen private collector of postage stamps, would be glad to hear from any prospective sellers or collectors interested in cordial exchange.

Early American Genius

Benjamin Franklin's 250th Anniversary

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

TWO hundred and fifty years ago yesterday, a 15th child was born to an obscure tallow-chandler in Boston. The child lived to be eighty-four, and at his death the United States Congress and the French Assembly went into mourning.

Benjamin Franklin was one of the towering figures of his time, but, like Jefferson and Voltaire, he accomplished so much in so many different fields, and his mind had so many facets, that most people are apt to forget exactly who he was and what he did.

After working for a time in a London printing-shop, the fabulous grubby London of the 1720's where Newton, Swift and Defoe still worked and talked, he set up his own printing firm in Philadelphia. From there he issued a newspaper, and a reader or annual, "Poor Richard's Almanack," whose sayings made his name a household word on both sides of the Atlantic.

Many of his simple moralisms and ironies have passed into the language — "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise"; "Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards"; "Three removes is as bad as a fire"; and (in the Revolution) "We must all hang together, or we shall hang separately."

Intrigued by Electricity

By the time he was 42 Franklin was a rich man, and he turned his attention from journalism to science. Electricity intrigued him, as it did all his contemporaries. In 1749, he came close to hitting on the electron theory, which was not finally arrived at for another 150 years. His most famous experiment was to prove, in 1752, that lightning was an electrical discharge, not a gaseous explosion, by sending up a kite into a thunderstorm with a key attached, which then became charged with electricity. This, and his invention of the lightning rod for buildings, gave him immense prestige throughout Europe and America.

Franklin was also the father of American gadgetry. The Pennsylvanian fireplace, an open stove still in use today; bifocal glasses; the ironing mangle; a mellifluous musical instrument of glass bells called the armonica, for which Mozart composed a score; and the use of gypsum as a fertilizer, were among the products of his inventiveness. He organized the first circulating library in America, the first fire brigade, a new method of street lighting, and developed cures for a range of ills from the common cold to smoky chimneys.

On seeing in 1783 the first ascent of a balloon in Paris, he foresaw the possibility of airborne warfare: "Five thousand balloons, capable of raising two men each, would not cost more than five ships of the line; and where is the prince who can afford so to cover his country with troops for its defence as that 10,000 men descending from the clouds might not in many places do an infinite deal of mischief?"

Franklin's inventive genius was not confined to the natural world. A generation before Hamilton and Jefferson, he was one of the pioneers of federalism as a system of government. In 1754, when the danger of French and Indian attack upon the British colonies was acute he proposed a constitution for the federal union of the colonies under a strong central government and a President-General appointed by the King, not unlike the federal constitution of modern Canada or Australia.

Envoy to Paris

He took part in the debates on the future Constitution, and then, with the motto "The older the bolder," he set off to represent his new country in Paris. It was a brilliant appointment, for he was very popular in France, and with great dexterity and no great scruple, he encouraged French distrust of Britain, to America's advantage. Franklin, as much as anyone, laid the foundations of the affectionate entente between France and the U.S., whose slow death-agony is one of the tragedies of our own times.

He was one of the three American Commissioners who signed the Peace Treaty with Britain in 1783, and two years later he returned to Philadelphia to lend his great authority to the redrawing up of the Constitution. He died peacefully in 1790.

Despite his Leonardo-like diversity of talents and careers, Franklin was essentially a figure of human size. He was a flirtatious and kindly man who set no great store by his own achievements. A true child of the Enlightenment, he was too happily and busily engaged with ordinary life and its possibilities to undertake the lonely introspection of a Leibniz: but in his pragmatism, his belief in the practical virtues, in his blend of moral conviction and shrewd scepticism, he was one of the most representative figures in American history. (*Copyright*)

Italy Prosperous But Politically Unstable

By PETER COTTRELL

ROME, (OFNS).— THE raising of the Israel Legation in Rome to the status of Embassy this week is indicative of the rising importance of Italy in world affairs, as a result of a period of unprecedented prosperity and progress throughout 1955.

Industry has doubled its peak pre-war output, and in the development of the south has found for itself a new and growing outlet. Production in many basic branches of industry has reached levels which five or six years ago would have been considered unthinkable.

5m. Tons of Steel

Over five million tons of raw steel were turned out by Italy's mills in 1955. The motor industry produced more than 200,000 vehicles, three-quarters of which were easily absorbed by the Italian market. The general standard of living has attained a level higher than ever before. The housing shortage is no longer acute. But most important of all, the age-old problem of the depressed south has been faced.

Even though a solution has not been found to the problem of structural unemployment and almost two million Italians are still without jobs, the prospects for the future are encouraging. The discovery of oil in commercial quantities in Sicily and in Central Italy, over and above the great natural gas fields of the Po Valley, is opening up new and vast fields of industrial development.

Economically and socially, 1955 has been a record year for Italy.

Unfortunately, from a political point of view, the picture is not as clear. Greater prosperity and security do not appear to have brought with them greater political stability. The danger of Communism, although it has not become more imminent, cannot be said to have receded, and the Communist Party can still command as many votes as in 1948, and perhaps more.

The Christian Democrats, on the other hand, have failed to find another leader of the stature of the late Signor De Gasperi, and no other democratic alternative to government by the Christian Democrats has emerged. In fact the other democratic parties, caught between Communism and Christian Democracy, have been ground almost to disappearance. The Social Democrat experiment can be said to have definitely failed, and as a party it has dwindled into a sort of irksome appendage of the Christian Democrat Party.

The Liberal Party, rocked by internal disagreements, the last of which, early last month, gave birth to a splinter Radical Party of intellectuals with no popular appeal or following, is no longer a serious influence in Italian politics. The greater prosperity and security of the middle classes, however, has helped to nip the resurgence of neo-Fascism in the bud.

In the course of the next few months Signor Nenni's Socialist Party, which is the one political formation to have gained ground in the last year, may well emerge as a force capable of swinging the scales of Italian politics. As a politician, Signor Nenni has few rivals in Italy. Under his astute leadership, the Socialist Party, by maintaining an alliance with the Communists, has succeeded in strengthening its following in the Leftist industrial proletariat, while dangling before Italy's democratic forces the bait of its possible conversion to democracy.

It seems unlikely that Signor Nenni will be able to go on tightrope walking indefinitely. The future political development of Italy will depend in no small measure on which side of the fence he will finally decide to alight.

MORE HELICOPTERS FOR U.S. ARMY

WASHINGTON (N.A.N.A.)

The U.S. Army plans to triple its helicopter operations as soon as possible. If it can carry out this programme it is pushing over Air Force opposition, and a fast build-up of helicopter strength will be accomplished over a minimum of two to three years.

Key to this phase of army planning is its major goal of "tactical mobility." The "Egg-beaters," as foot soldiers and sailors called them, more than proved their worth in Korea. And in the past couple of years, the capacity and performance of the helicopter has been improved greatly. It can move more men and more cargo, do it faster and with greater safety. Launched from aircraft carriers and other specially designed ships, it will land assault troops behind enemy shore defences.

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YESTERDAY'S PRESS — LAVON REPORT

"HABOKER" (General Zionist) ridicules the efficacy of the Lavon Report, saying that Mapai, which has lost precious time and has consistently shunned all mention of an emergency regime, now suddenly blossoms out with a plan which in effect has all the earmarks of partisanship, laying the main burden of obligations upon those not represented in the Government. But Mapai should be told outright that it is not this Government, with its habits of procrastination and narrow sectoral discrimination, that will lead the State to a regime of preparedness, but only a national emergency Government in which all those called upon to assume obligations will be represented.

The American delay in responding to Israel's bid for arms, writes "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), proves conclusively that the Anglo-American aim is to squeeze concessions out of Israel and, hoping that the Arabs will veer back to the West, hand over land to our enemies without their having to fire a shot. We should once and for all discontinue our dependence on this bloc, look for arms from whatever quarter is available, and work out an independent policy.

Quoting the "Picture Post" correspondent's saying that with £60,000 he could foment riots in Jordan again, "Omer" (Histadrut) says that the reference is to the money advanced by Saudia, Egypt or the Mufti to tear down the laboriously erected British structure in Jordan and proves that the setting up and tearing down of regimes in Jordan as in all other Arab countries is a matter of money and daggers. These countries are not led by rulers with roots in the people and, in order to maintain their positions, they must seek a pretext for continued domination—incitement against Israel.

The raising of Israel's and Italy's diplomatic missions to the status of embassies, writes "Davar" (Histadrut), is a step forward in the good relations between the two countries and the fact that Italy is also on good terms with Israel's neighbours gives rise to hope that she will be instrumental in fostering peace and security in the Middle East.

The settlement of the Negev wastes, writes "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) and the movement of workers towards those distant spots augurs well for the State. While the founding of eleven new settlements should be viewed only as the beginning of a solution of our development and security problem, it is the initial blow against inertia, complacency and regular routine and will go far in saving us untold sacrifices.

The same paper writes that "Shurat Hamitnadvim" is carrying out an important function in drawing attention to moral irregularities in public life, but unless its charges are proven beyond the shadow of a doubt they are bound to cause a great deal of distrust and unpleasantness. The case in point is the challenge issued by the Deputy Inspector of Police, who has called upon the "Shura" to cite details about its charges against him so that the matter can be aired in court. It is the public and moral duty of the "Shura" to accept the challenge and help clear up the atmosphere.

MUSICAL DIARY

Tel Aviv Museum, 18th Chamber Music Concert. Paina Salzman, piano; Lorand and Alice Fenyves, violin; Gideon Roehr, viola; Thelma Yellin, cello (January 14). String quartets by Beethoven (op. 59 No. 2) and Tal (No. 1), Schumann Piano quintet, op. 44.

THE attractive event of this concert was the *premiere* performance of the first String quartet by a Jerusalem composer, Joseph Tal, written in 1955. This is a gifted one-movement work (a slow introduction and coda frame a motoric and transparent middle part) which creates a purely impressionistic atmosphere although its technique borders on dodecaphony.

A devoted rendering assured the work warm response from an attentive audience (encouragingly consisting largely of younger people).

The concert opened with a polished performance of the Beethoven string quartet. It closed with a fiery, satisfying rendering of the Schumann piano-quintet, in which Miss Salzman proved again that she is not only a fine virtuoso, but also a discreet and cultivated chamber music player. *A.*

Piano Recital by Shura Cherkassky (Ohel Shem Hall, January 14) Bach-Busoni: Chaconne; Beethoven: Sonata, op. 90; Chopin: Ballad, Mazurka, Nocturne, Valse; Barber: Excursions; Mana-Zucca: Bickerings; Liszt: Faust-Paraphrase.

CHERKASSKY has, I suppose, a logic of his own. Probably nobody knows how his mind works. He retards or accelerates in the most unlikely places, he can play *lento vivace* or break a phrase in the middle, but he is such a brilliant artist that he gets away with everything. His technique is unsurpassed and his palette rich. He has a trick of playing a tone so *pianissimo* that one feels sure it did not come, but of course in the end it is there.

He has other tricks and oh, his *martellato*, his *leggiero*. It is all a bit disconcerting in Beethoven and even in Chopin (the Valse, though, was superb!) but he is just the man for Busoni's transcription (or Transgression) of the Chaconne. And, of course, for the Faust paraphrase, so poor, and so fantastically played! The novelties, Barber's Excursions and Mana-Zucca's so accurately named piece, are really a loss of time, but one did not mind. Cherkassky is inexhaustible and his half-dozen or so encores were each more astonishing than the other.

The Ramat Gan Chamber Orchestra. Michael Taube, conductor; Schmuel Ashkenazi, violin (Ohel, January 12). Haydn: Symphony No. 16; Mozart: Violin Concerto in A major; Bach: Ricercare; Hindemith: "The Demon", Dance Suite.

THIS was a very enjoyable evening, owing to the well-chosen programme and the intimate atmosphere which this *ensemble* creates. Taube does not play to the gallery and rightly puts the accent on the music and not on what can be done to it.

The fast movements of one of Haydn's early and astonishing symphonies were full of vivacity. The Ricercare from the Musical Offering alone would make an evening worthwhile, and the Demon Suite, one of Taube's favourites, which he conducts from the piano, was done brilliantly.

To top the bill, Shmuel Ashkenazi who is going to America for future studies, made his farewell appearance in the Mozart Concerto. He is, of course, a born violinist and sometimes one forgets that one is not listening to a mature artist. There can be no doubt, I think, about his future. *W.*

Fourth Monthly Programme sponsored by the Jerusalem Musicians' Association. Antonia Lavanne, soprano; Lorand Fenyves, violin; Paina Salzman, piano; Ya'acov Shilo, piano (Y.M.C.A. Hall, January 16.) All-Mozart Programme: Sonata for violin and piano in C major, K. 296; Five Songs; Aria from the Mass in C minor; Sonata for violin and piano in F major, K. 376; "Exultate Jubilate"; Sonata for violin and piano in B flat major, K. 454.

SELDOM have we enjoyed an evening of chamber music so much. The vocal selections sung by Miss Lavanne sounded exceptionally subtle, authentic, and never lacking the stylish treatment this music requires. Fenyves and Salzman proved to be a perfect team. In the three Sonatas the balance between violin and piano was ideal. There was never a dull moment in the fast movements, which can so easily become motoric if the mood of playfulness is neglected. The *Andante* sections came through with a beautifully intensified *melos*.

Mr. Shilo, who was Miss Lavanne's accompanist in this programme, did a competent job, but not sensitive enough to be artistically equivalent to the solo part. *Y. ZARAI*

The Haifa Chamber Orchestra and the Haifa Chamber Choir. Moshe Badmor, conductor; Annette Joel-Brun, soprano; Raphael Lavon, tenor; Yehoshua Eanner, bass; Max Lampel, organ; A. Melamed, violin (Haifa Town Hall, January 14) Mozart: Divertimento in D major, K. 136; Tartini: Concerto for violin and chamber orchestra; Warlock: Capriol Suite; Frescobaldi: Canzona and Toccata; Carissimi: Jephthah Oratorio.

THE story of Jephthah, with its heights of exultation and depths of lament, is fit to arouse a composer's imagination, and "Jephthah" towers over Carissimi's other 16 oratorios. The Haifa Chamber Choir has been rehearsing it uninterruptedly with the conductor since their first appearance last year, and the work they put into it told very well at the performance in clearer diction and more accurate attack. On the other hand, they have not yet achieved a satisfactory balance of voices, which is one of the first requisites of choral music. Neither the organ accompaniment nor the small orchestra, whose first violins seldom agreed on one pitch, could conceal this.

The soloists sang with taste, and Mrs. Joel-Brun's full-bodied interpretation of Jephthah's daughter (there were three different soprano parts in the original score) was especially moving in its gentle charm. As soloist in the Frescobaldi and as accompanist in the oratorio, Max Lampel mastered his job, as usual, with sure musicality. Mr. Badmor was well repaid for his indefatigable toiling with the two *ensembles* he had founded by the audience's respectful and friendly reception.

The first part of the programme was identical with the bill performed privately on January 3 and reviewed in this column a week ago. *G.W.-B.*

Abroad

UNDER the auspices of the Netherlands-Israel Society Bracha Zefira gave a song recital in Amsterdam on January 9. Though the audience — probably partly owing to lack of publicity — consisted of no more than 60 to 70 persons, the press reviews were very favourable.

The "Algemeen Handelsblad" for instance, writes: "She has a dark, guttural voice with a somewhat Arab timbre which is particularly fine in the lower register; but that is not the most important aspect. She acts what she sings, and does this with a remarkable acting talent . . . It is not necessary to understand one word of the text in order to understand what happens in these songs . . . Her rendering, fascinating and often almost seductive, was very worth while."

The only criticism which this music critic has are the arrangements of the accompaniment — by harp, clarinet, flute, violin and piano. In his view, these arrangements, by various modern composers, Israel and otherwise, "cover the genuine nucleus of these songs with the most diverging layers of non-Jewish music."

The various songs were introduced and explained to the audience by the Dutch-Jewish composer Max Vredenburg. *H.B.*

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